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THE PALEST SHERRY EVER.

Hattersley, Owen force PM on defensive

Ministers give private boost to pay rebels

By Colin Brown, Political Reporter

Some ministers and their parliamentary private secretaries last night privately supported the rebellion by Tory backbenchers against the Cabinet's approval for the top people's pay awards of up to 48 per cent in two stages.

They told colleagues that their decision not to put their jobs on the line by joining the rebels in the divison lobbies was made only to avoid causing the Government a deeper political rift.

They argue that the Cabinet's decision under the direction of the Prime Minister strikes at the heart of her philosophy on the need for pay restraint in the public sector. More worrying, it calls into question Mrs Thatcher's political grasp.

The Prime Minister was forced on to the defensive yesterday in the Commons by Mr Roy Hattersley the Labour deputy leader, who will again be leading the attack on a second debate on the pay rises in the Commons today.

He contrasted he awards with the offer to the teachers which was about 40 per cent less in some cases.

"You are prepared to asubsidise extravagance for the rich but won't afford justice to the generality of the people. Social justice is not a consideration that enters into your policies," he said.

Mrs Thatcher accused Mr Hattersley, who was standing in for Mr Neil Kinnock, of displaying "cant and humbug." She said that fewer civil servants were now covered by the Top Salaries Review Body — a producitivity claim which is to be challenged by Dr Oonagh McDonald, the Shadow civil service minister.

THE NATIONAL Union of Teachers used its voting strength to thwart hopes of an early return to pay talks and make disruption in the next school year almost certain.

The leader of the SDP, Mr Daivd Owen, said tht the Government had failed to learn from the mistake made by the 1978 Labour Government of which he was a cabinet member.

In agreeing to average rises of 35 per cent in top salaries that government had contributed to the sense of unfairness leading to the winter of discontent in 1979."

Mrs Thatcher told Dr Owen: "You deserve to be treated with utter contempt. You fully supported this to keep in as foreign secretary and now contemptuously disown it in opposition."

The Education Secretary, Sir Keith Joseph, faced Opposition anger and Tory concern when he confirmed that he had supported the pay awards to top people despite limiting teachers to about per cent.

The shadow education secretary, Mr Giles Radice, told Sir Keith that it was an outrage that the chief civil servant at the Department of Education would receive an extra 30 per cent to supervise a policy limiting teachers' pay increases to 6 per cent.

"The sheer inconsistency, insensitivity and bad timing of the decision is hard to beat," said Mr Radice.

In last night's vote on the symbolic issue of a 16.7 per cent rise in the Lord Chancellor's salary — the only one requiring parliamentary approval — Tory backbenchers showed that they shared his condemnation.

Keith Harper writes: No word of caution or dissent was uttered when the Prime Minister presented the top salaries' review report to the Cabinet last week.

This is made clear in the minutes of the meeting which have now been circulated more generally throughout Whitehall. From the accounts given yesterday only Mr Michael Heseltine, the Defence Secretary, raised any point of significance about the salaries of

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President Reagan welcomes President Li Xiannian of China to the White House in his first high-level diplomacy since his cancer operation 10 days ago. Report, page 7

Tutu tells blacks, 'Behave or I will quit'

From David Beresford in Johannesburg

THE SOUTH African Nobel peace prize winner, Bishop Desmond Tutu, warned a huge crowd at a mass funeral yesterday that he would leave the country and consider abandoning the liberation struggle if black mobs killed another suspected police informer.

The bishop was reacting to the killing of a black girl at a funeral on the East Rand at the weekend, television coverage of which shocked the country and strengthened

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the government's hand in adopting emergency powers. Bishop Tutu had previously intervened to save the life of an alleged informer in similar circumstances.

But while the bishop was dellvering the warning South Africa's black population was continuing to suffer under the state of emergency declared in 36 magisterial districts at midnight on Saturday. Since the proclamation at least eight blacks have been killed in clashes with security forces, and over 400 people have been detained.

Police yesterday released the names of 438 people held under emergency regulations; 373 blacks, 43 coloured, 18 Asians, and four whites. Sixty were women. Police said that a further three had been detained whose names would be released today. More than half the arrests were in the Eastern Province.

None of those named had natinal reputations, and most appered to be trade unionists, students, and community leaders active at a grass roots level. The four whites included a controversial former student leader, Auret van Heerden, who failed last year in an attempt to sue the security police for torture.

The list is only of those arrested under emergency powers, and excludes those charged with public violence and other offences. One who was arrested yesterday under such charges was Mrs Molly Blackburn, a member of the Cape Provincial ouncil, representing the Progressive Federal Party, the official opposition in the House of Assembly. Mrs Blackburn, a white, is a heroic figure among blacks in the Eastern ape. She was charged with attending an illegal gathering and granted bail of £40.

The funeral attended by

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BNFL fined £10,000 over pollution

By Michael Morris

British Nuclear Fuels Ltd, which operates the Windscale nuclear reprocessing plant at Sellafield, was convicted at Carlisle crown court yesterday of offences which resulted in a radioactive slick contaminating beaches over a 20-mile stretch of the Cumbria coastline.

It took the jury more than five hours to find the state-owned company guilty of breaking nuclear safety regulations in November, 1993, in the first case of its kind to be brought against the British nuclear industry. Forty witnesses gave evidence during the 3-day trial.

Fining the company a total of £10,000, with £0,000 costs, Mr Justice Rose said: "I bear in mind that the discharge to sea, which is at the heart of this indictment, was within the company's authorised limits.

"I bear in mind the fact, of particular importance in this case that should not be lost sight of, was that there was no harm or risk of harm to any member of the public. That is not what this case has been about."

After the case Mr Con Allday, the company chairman, said: "Of course I am disappointed but I am not commenting any more at the moment." However, he stressed that procedures at the plant had been considerably tightened. He would not comment on whether the company would appeal, but said he wanted to consult company lawyers.

"The company will now be giving serious consideration to the implications of the verdict," he added.

A Greenpeace spokesman, Mr George Pritchard, said the fines were not important because the money came from the public purse. But the case would open the floodgates to people who had suffered from BNFL's action, such as hoteliers and fishermen who had lost business and were entitled to compensation.

The Crown had alleged that the company had "a haphazard and casual" style of management. In its defence the company claimed that it had done all it reasonably could in the circumstances. Salvage operations to remove the waste by building a new pipeline would have cost £0 million in lost production, it was argued.

The leakage, on November 13, 1993, took place during the plant's annual shutdown for maintenance. Greenpeace claimed to have located a highly active slick on the following day.

The company originally faced size charges under the Nuclear Installations Act 1965 and the Radioactive Substances

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JMB auditors accuse Lawson of media libel

By Margareta Pagano and David Pallister

The former auditors to Johnson Matthey Bankers, Arthur Young McClelland Moores, are suing the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Nigel Lawson, for libel over remarks he made about the firm's alleged role in the collapse of JMB with losses of £248 million.

In an unprecedented legal move the firm yesterday issued a writ against Mr Lawson claiming damages for defamation over remarks made on Channel 4 TV and BBC radio on June 20. As far as the Treasury is aware, no other Chancellor has ever been threatened with libel action.

Arthur Young, which in turn is being sued by the Bank of England, claims that Mr Lawson's remarks went much further than his statement to Parliament on the same day.

It also emerged yesterday that the City of London fraud squad is investigating the affairs of Mr Michael Hepker, the chairman of Leeds-based Sumrie Clothes, who was accused in parliament last week of fraud against JMB. The Inland Revenue is examining his business activities over several years.

Written parliamentary answers revealed that the Department of Trade is considering taking action against Mr Hepker for alleged breaches of the Companies Act.

A statement from Arthur Young on its libel action

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claimed that Mr Lawson's remarks "seek to prejudge responsibility against Arthur Young for the collapse of JMB." Mr Lawson said in the Commons that the Bank of England report on the JMB collapse "must inevitably raise questions about the role of the auditors."



Mr Nigel Lawson — expected to fight action

Arthur Young said of Mr Lawson's media interview: "The full facts were not available and had not been considered at the time. The firm contends that such statements seriously compromise Arthur Young's position in any relevant proceedings."

"Proceedings have been threatened against Arthur Young arising out of their audit of JMB. They will be vigorously defended and AY believes it will establish that the audit work was carried out to appropriately high professional standards."

An Arthur Young partner, Mr Andrew Darnill, said last night that the firm had yet to quantify the extent of damages it would claim against the Chancellor. The partners are covered by professional indemnity insurance against any claims made against them by the Bank of England.

Arthur Young said it wrote to the Chancellor after his

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7.5pc award for police blocked

By Gareth Parry

Pay negotiations for 140,000 policemen broke down yesterday after Labour and Alliance councillors on the Police Negotiating Board said they could not agree to the 7.5 per cent claim without a government assurance on grant aid to help finance it.

The Home Secretary, Mr Leon Britan, promptly accused them of "a cynical piece of political opportunism," saying that they were playing politics with the police.

All sides on the negotiating board appear to agree that 7.5 per cent was a fair rise for the officers who include ranks up to and including chief inspector. The increase, for the year from next September, was calculated on an agreed formula based on average earnings increases in industry and commerce.

The representatives from the Association of Metropolitan Authorities and the Association of County Councils say that they will not honour the rise until the Government promises sufficient rate support grant for 1986-7.

The Home Secretary said: "This is a transport political manoeuvre to delay a settlement on police pay. There is no dispute about the appropriate amount because this is determined by the well-established Edmund-Davies formula.

"The Government has also given them assurances about cash in the current year, as it had done in all recent years. What I obviously cannot give them, are open ended assurances for future years before the rate support grant for 1986-87 has even been settled.

"They know perfectly well that in ech of the last four years, in practice, the effects of the police pay settlement were fully reflected in the rate support grants for the following year.

"What we have seen today is a cynical piece of political opportunism that has got nothing to do with the central issue of the level of award for police service. There is no conceivable reason for failing to reach a settlement today except the desire to play politics with the police."

A spokesman for the official side of the negotiating board said that the two sides did not formally agree on the revised pay scales.

"The official side intend to agree increases in pay of 7.5 per cent in line with the underlying earnings index, as requested by the staff side," he said.

It was uncertain whether the extra spending for 1986-87 would be subject to grant aid.

"Until the position was clarified the official side was concerned that the revised offer could affect the service provided to the public.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rainbow Warrior charges

TWO people have been charged with the murder of a crewman on the bombed Greenpeace flagship, Rainbow Warrior, in Auckland, New Zealand. Back page.

British refusal

BRITAIN and the US have refused to attend talks aimed at opening a dialogue between Opec and the other oil-producing nations. Page 21.

Sizewell export

SIZEWELL work for special forgings has been contracted to a Japanese company because British firms could not meet the specifications or match the tender. Page 3.

'Heroin' baby

A BABY GIRL born to a heroin addict suffered withdrawal symptoms within days of her birth, a juvenile court heard in a care hearing. Page 3.

AUEW pledge

THE engineers' union voted not to be involved in any proposed federation to challenge the TUC. Back page.

Ship sunk

THE ISRAELI navy sank a "suspicious" ship in Sidon harbour, south Lebanon, Page 6

Market moves

POUND up .0255 to $1.4147; FT index down 4.2 to 921.1; Dow Jones down 5.83 to 1351.81. Markets, page 24.



"Can you tell me the time the next case of riotous assembly will be dropped?"

Handicap lessons

HUNGARY has developed a system which teaches children and adults how to cope with severe handicaps reports Society Tomorrow. Page 11.

Special success

THE ROUND Britain Race was won by Tony Bullimore in a specially-built trimaran. Page 26.

Games blacked

CHANNEL 4 last night refused to screen the Edinburgh Games athletics meeting because the local district council refused to remove trackside banners bearing political slogans. Report, page 26.

Gas profit

BRITISH GAS made a £1.5 billion profit last year says the penultimate report before the proposed privatisation. Page 21.

The weather

MAINLY dry with sunny periods. Details, back page.

Surcharge pledge

By our Industrial Editor

Britain's biggest package tour firm, Thomson, is giving a pledge not to impose any surcharges on this winter's and next summer's holidays. The guarantee, which will affect up to 1.5 million people, reflects growing competition among the package tour opertors.

The move is expected to produce similar pledges by rival tour companies.

Mr Paul Brett, managing director of Thomson Holidays, said the firm was able to give the guarantee because the pound was now much stronger against the major European currencies.

"Surcharges are disliked by everyone and now the 1.5 million customes who will travel with us from October can be quite sure that the price in the brochure is the price they pay," he added.

The Thomson decision to gamble on the pound's performance so far in advance may alarm some smaller firms, who traditionally operate on very thin profit margins.

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Drug charge prince 'has jumped bail'

By a Staff Reporter

Scotland Yard was last night investigating claims that Prince Mashour Bin Saud Abdul Aziz, who is on £150,000 bail on a drugs conspiracy charge, has jumped bail and left the country.

A Scotland Yard spokesman said that police had received an anonymous tip-off that the prince had left Britain. He is due to appear in court tomorrow at Marylebone, London.

A Home Office spokesman said they had also received unconfirmed reports that Prince Mashour, aged 31, had jumped bail. The prince, a nephew of King Fahd, had been held on remand at Wormwood Scrubs in London until Monday, when he won an appeal at the Royal Courts of Justice.

Police renewed their objections to bail on the grounds of the seriousness of the charges against him, but the prince was released after Judge Harris granted an application by defence counsel, Mr Richard Jermain.

Granting bail, Judge Harris ordered the prince, of Cheval Place, Kensington, London, to live at the Knightsbridge home of his brother, Prince Wallid, who was a £100,000 surety. A family friend, Mr Adnan Almandeer, stood for £50,000.

The prince is charged with conspiring, with a Gary Savoury and others unknown to supply cocaine to unknown people on or before April 1 within the jurisdiction of the Central Criminal Court.

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NHS homes to be sold

By Andrew Veitch, Medical Correspondent

Health authorities were yesterday ordered to sell thousands of homes provided by the NHS for doctors and nurses. Property now vacant should be put on the market immedately, and homes not regarded as essential should be sold within two years, said the Social Services Secretary, Mr Norman Fowler.

Staff will be given the choice of buying their homes at discounts of 30-60 per cent, or moving out. Mr Fowler's orders, issued in a circular to health authorities yesterday, follow the Rayner scrutiny on health service accommodation.

A fifth of the 100,000 flats, bed-sitters, and houses owned by health authorites were empty and most authorities had more accommodation than they needed, said Mr Fowler.

The health serice would continue to house some staff — particularly young student nurses and junior doctors, Mr Fowler said. Some of the money generated by sales would go to improving their accommodation.

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Title fight rights wrong of 1792

By John Carvel, Political Correspondent

Mr Patrick Andrew Wentworth Hope Johnstone, of Annandale and that ilk, a 44-year-old Dumfriesshire stock farmer, yesterday won his fight to be recognised as an earl.

A House of Lords Special Committee of Privileges ruled that he is entitled to succeed to the Earldom of Annandale and Hartfell, a title which had become defunct nearly 200 years ago on the death of a great uncle, eight generations removed.

"It all went wrong in 1792," the new earl complained after the judgment, "I always questioned why it went wrong. It has taken 14 years of my time to get to this position."

The problem arose because of the Stuart king's tendency to shower titles on Mr Hope Johnstone's forbear James. At various points, he became Earl of Hartfell, Earl of Annandale, and, quite separately, by Letter of Patent of 1662, Earl of Annandale and Hartfell.

The rules governing the descent of each of these titles were different and if the line had been more fertile it would have been possible for the titles to have spread into three different branches of the family. Introductions at family reunions could have become rather awkward.

The extinction of the male line in 1792, however, appeared to make the title defunct in spite of claims to the House of Lords from members of the family in 1834, 1844, and 1879.

Mr Hope Johnstone enlisted the services of Mr Hugh Peskett, described as the Sherlock Holmes of genealogy, to establish his rights to the 1662 title through the female line.

Mr Peskett said he had traced key documents from the army records of King Augustus of Poland which escaped the second world war blitz in Dresden. A marriage certificate from Schleswig Holstein, and a death registry record from Copenhagen clinched the case.

The new earl, who also becomes Chief of the Clan Johnstone, was reluctant to make contemporary research into his lifestyle any easier. Asked about the size of his land holdings, he said they were "enough". Asked if he would take the Tory whip, he said it was too soon to say but his sympathies would tend to be that way.

He also believes that he may be a marquis under another title of 1701. He said he was taking his enoblement "one step at a time." He refused to say what all this was costing him.

NEWS IN BRIEF

BR wins order on blacking

BRITISH RAIL yesterday won a High Court injunction requiring the National Union of Railwaymen to lift its blacking of new railbuses, *writes* Jane McLoughlin.

The High Court decided that under the terms of the Trades Union Act 1984, the blacking was a trade dispute which required a ballot of all NUR members to be lawful.

The NUR was not represented in court. It had previously argued that the blacking of two new railbuses, the first of 25 BR had contracted out to the private sector, was not a trade dispute.

NUR members imposed the blacking in support of colleagues at British Rail Engineering workshops due to be made redundant as workshops are closed and 4,800 jobs are lost over the next two years.

Last night the NUR executive was awaiting service of the injunction. If the union does not comply with the court order it expects to be held in contempt of court, which could lead to a maximum £200,000 fine and possible sequestration of assets.

Nuclear dumping at sea held up

THE Government will be unable to press for an international resumption of dumping of nuclear waste at sea at the London Dumping Convention in September because a study of the subject by the Department of Environment will not be complete until the end of the year, *writes Paul Brown.*

In an interim report published yesterday, the environment minister, Mr William Waldegrave, said that no firm conclusions had been reached on whether sea dumping was the best option for nuclear waste.

Charges brought year after raid

THE gay publishing company Millivres, which produces Gay Times, and four directors are facing 40 summonses brought a year after a police raid on Zipper, a London store which is part of the group, *writes Nicholas de Jongh.*

Mr Alex McKenna, publisher, said that the charges, under the Obscene Publications Act, relate mainly to American picture books.

Search for anglers called off

AS THE search for four missing anglers was called off yesterday the body of a fifth member of the party, Peter Robertson, aged 43, of Oxclose, Washington, Tyne and Wear, was recovered from the sea.

Still missing are Edward McCarthy, Paul White and Ian Drummond, all aged 15, and Malcolm Sproate, aged 29, who all lived in the same street in Oxclose. A coastguard spokesman said that it was foolish for five adults to go out in a 7ft 9in dinghy.

Armed guard for two



A FORMER Lord Mayor of Bristol and his daughter were under armed guard yesterday as police hunted a missing van driver after a shooting incident. They are Mr Claude Draper, his daughter, Barbara, and her two children. Avon and Somerset police declined to comment on their whereabouts but confirmed that they were seeking Mr William Mateer (above), aged 39, a self-employed carpenter and the husband of Mr Draper's daughter.

The hunt for Mateer, an international darts player, began after an incident involving him ad his wife outside the Easton sports centre, near the city centre. A young man from the St Paul's area apparently intervened and received gunshot wounds.

Girl killed boy after kissing

A GIRL aged 14 was ordered at Mold Crown Court yesterday to be detained indefinitely for stabbing a teenage boy to death with a kitchen knife. Heidi Jane Neale was found guilty of manslaughter due to diminished responsibility.

She had admitted killing Stuart Langley, aged 16, in a kissing session behind the Methodist chapel near their homes at Hankelow, Nantwich, Cheshire, last December. She told psychiatrists that she heard voices in her head telling her to kill him.

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Social services 'not told' girl was with parents

Bite marks baby was under care of council

By Sarah Boseley

Tyra Henry, the 21-month-old girl who died from severe head injuries, her body covered with human bites, was in the care of Lambeth council from 11 days after her birth, it emerged at the Old Bailey yesterday.

Tyra's father, Andrew Neil, aged 20, of 22 Evelyn House, Brixton, London, denies murdering the baby last August.

On the second day of his trial a written statement was read out in the Central Criminal Court from Mr Charles Doherty, area social services co-ordinator for Lambeth.

Claudette Henry, Tyra's mother, who lived with Neil, his father, his father's common law wife, and his sister Denise in a council flat, gave birth to Tyra on November 8, 1982.

The statement said: "That child became the subject of an interim care order on November 19, 1982, at Lambeth juvenile court. A full care order was granted on April 15, 1983, at Balham special juvenile court.

"That court accepted that Tyra would be placed in the joint care of her mother and maternal grandmother and Tyra would live at the home of Mrs Henry at 7 Evelyn House. That arrangement would be supervised by my department."

Mrs Beatrice Henry, the grandmother, said in her own written statement that it was arranged with the social services that she should should bring Tyra up as one of her own family. Claudette was her eldeset daughter, and she had two younger daughters and two sons still living at home.

Claudette took Tyra with her and looked after her every day, but brought the child back to sleep at No. 7 at night. Tyra called her grandmother "Mummy," and Mrs Henry commented: "She was just like my child."

Early in August, Mrs Henry said in her statement, her electricity was cut off. Since she was having to use candles for light, dangerous to a toddler, Claudette suggested that Tyra should live with her real parents. Mrs Henry said: "I had not told the social services Tyra was with Claudette and not with me."

Mrs Marie England, the health visitor assigned to the case by West Lambeth health authority, said in a statement read in court that she visited the Henry family on a regular basis. Her last visit to the flat was on May 10, 1984, and she did not see Tyra. Early in August she saw Tyra with her mother in Bonham Road. She said: "I was not aware that Tyra lived at 22 Evelyn House."

Claudette Henry said that she and Neil had a fight on August 28 over another woman. Neil was hitting her, and as she had the baby in her arms some of the blows fell on Tyra. When Neil saw this he stopped.

She went to give the baby to Neil, but at the same time he turned away and Tyra fell on the floor. In answers to questions from Judge Lymbery, QC, she said the incident happened in the passage, which was carpeted, and the child fell on her bottom and rolled back, hitting her head on the floor.

After this the child appered to be unconscious, she said. At her suggestion, Neil bit her to try to rouse her. She did not actually see the bite, she told the judge, but she "saw him go down" two or three times. She did not check whether this had actually revived the baby.

Professor Roger Robinson, professor of paediatrics at Guy's hospital, examined Tyra after she had been left there by Neil's sister Paula on August 29. The child had a note in her pocket naming her as Julie Miller.

Mr Freddie Ashe-Lincoln, QC, for the defence, suggested to Professor Robinson that Tyra's brain injuries could have been caused by falling on the base of her spine, jolting her head.

Profesor Robinson said: "I would say quite definitely that there is no way that could have produced the injuries seen in this child."

The case continues.

Riot charges review ordered

By Malcolm Pithers and Paul Keel

Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney-General, is to ask for an informal report from prosecuting solicitors who have been dealing with riot charges brought against miners during the pit dispute, to see what lessons can be learned from them.

The Attorney-General's office confirmed this yesterday after increased speculation that no further riot cases are to be proceeded with. The South Yorkshire prosecuting solicitors' office said that all riot cases they were handling were under "active review."

It is known that 139 cases of riot and unlawful assembly are pending, arising out of the strike in South Yorkshire.

The official listing shows that 22 men were charged with riot and unlawful assembly at the Orgreave coking plant on June 6 last year and a further 55 at Orgreave on June 18. Forty of these have yet to be heard.

At Armthorpe, near Doncaster, on August 22 last year 10 men were charged with unlawful assembly; at Brodworth between October 12 and 19 a further 17 men were charged with unlawful assembly; and at Rossington on November 12, 10 men were charged with riot.

So far there has not been a successful conviction for riot by a jury.

During the dispute 137 miners were charged with riot and 509 with unlawful assembly. According to the Home Office yesterday, there were a total of 9,808 arrests. Of the 5,653 cases dealt with, there were 4,318 convictions and 1,335 acquittals.

A spokesman for the Attorney-General's office confirmed yesterday that Sir Michael will be calling for a report into the various cases but not before they have been completed. The spokesman said that the exercise was a way of examining exactly how cases were handled. It is thought that one topic which will be discussed is how evidence of riot is gathered and substantiated in court.

Some defence lawyers believe that police are paying the price in court for having used the riot law during the strike. One, Ms Gareth Peirce, who represented 16 miners at Sheffield, said she thought the police probably gave little thought to the eventual prosecution when they originally charged miners with riot.

Even before the miners' strike, police had experience of difficulties in gaining convictions on riot charges. In the trial of 16 people after the disturbances in the St Paul's District of Bristol in 1980, not one was found guilty of riot.

The prosecution's difficulty is that when the conduct of an individual whom police arrested for rioting is examined in court, his contribution to overall crowd disorder is rarely easy to prove.

Police are aware of this and are looking forward to proposed changes in public order legislation which, they believe, will make it easier for them and the courts to gain convictions.



David McKie

Paying now and moaning later

"Cant and humbug," the Prime Minister snapped at Roy Hattersley. "Contemptible," she exploded, over David Owen.

All around her, Conservatives cheered. But their cheers only pointed up the silence they had mostly preserved while the Prime Minister embarked on her trick by brick defence of last week's top salaries award.

The main clash, of course, was due around midnight, on the symbolic issue of the appropriate going rate for Lord Chancellors; but Mrs Thatcher wasn't to be there for that. So, at Prime Minister's questions, Hattersley and Owen were eager to confront the principal culprit for what both of them saw as an outrageous and possibly counter-productive exercise in social injustice.

This Government, the Prime Minister told them, was in the habit of implementing such reports. They were only doing for top people what they had already done for nurses and midwives, doctors and dentists, and less celebrated servicemen.

Nor were they alone in that. The 1978 Labour Government of which this Hattersley and this Owen were members, had also honed a far bigger rise — nearly three times as great — on her arithmetic — for these same top people. Wrongly, Dr Owen told her now. It had left a sense of grievance which had helped to feed the subsequent winter of discontent.

You supported it at the time, Mrs Thatcher stormed. Now you seek to disown it. People like that deserve to be treated with utter contempt.

You can see why she feels aggrieved when she looks back to '78. That decision, too, came in a written answer. But it wasn't even raised at Jim Callaghan's next question time. No unfortunate minister got dragged into explain it, as Peter Rees did last week.

Still, to many of the newer Tory backbenchers, 1978 belongs to a distant time of which they know little. It does nothing to change their feelings about the news that was sprung on them last week. So they frolicked through Mrs Thatcher's excursion into political archaeology yesterday, coming to life only when there was a meaty insult on offer.

The Education Secretary, Sir Keith Joseph, had been in the firing line even earlier. First before the Education Select Committee, and later at question time.

Labour's Martin Flannery, former headmaster, was the chief assailant in the committee, angrily demanding why the money the Government had found so readily for Johnson Matthey, not to mention top people, could not have gone to teachers.

There were four criteria, Sir Keith told him: recruitment, quality, motivation and retention. It was deeply in the nation's interest that it should be able to recruit, retain and motivate the right quality of people to run its Civil Service, judiciary and armed forces.

But didn't that apply to teachers too? Not quite, the figures did not indicate, said Sir Keith, that recruitment and retention were as much of a problem there.

On the other hand: there had been a lot of recent reports of declining motivation. There had been a clear failure to find recruits in areas where skills were short. And there was also the prevailing question of whether the standards for teaching had been set high enough.

More: there were anecdotes, "which I do not disbelieve" which told of the loss of highly skilled experienced teachers in areas of shortage.

Sentence by sentence, Sir Keith seemed to be edging the teachers towards the point at which the golden gates would open and they would be ushered into their warm, accommodating presence of someone like Lord Plowden.

But that wasn't the moral at all. The answer for the teachers, Sir Keith announced, was to accept the bargain he was even now trying to strike with them: a bargain apparently designed to satisfy that magic quadrilateral which last week delivered the goods for Sir Robert Armstrong and Lord Chief Justice Lane. And would have done for Lord Hailsham, too, if he didn't keep turning down the money.

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JOBS CYCLE: Cyclists from all over Britain, including some who rode 635 miles from Carlisle, during the Labour Party's 'On Yer Bike' unemployment protest in London yesterday. The tour included Chingford, the north-east London constituency of Mr Norman Tebbit, who turned the phrase into a jobs rallying cry Picture by Martin Argles

Teachers block talks unless their pay offer is improved

By Andrew Moncur and John Fairhall

An autumn of disruption in schools became a virtual certainty yesterday after the National Union of Teachers effectively blocked an early return to pay talks.

The NUT used its voting strength at a meeting of teachers' associations to carry a hard-line ultimatum to the employers, after last week's top people's salary awards. It requires management to "improve significantly" its offer before the Burnham pay negotiating committee can resume talks.

The decision caused "disappointment, despair and dismay" among the employers.

Sir Keith Joseph announced cuts yesterday in computer education in schools, writes Peter Large. The Micro-electronics Education Programme (MEP), costing £6 million a year, is to end next March and be replaced by a unit with £2.2 million for its first year. The Department of Trade and Industry is cushioning the change with a £3.5 million fund to provide educational software over three years. In future, computer training for teachers will depend on local education authority funds alone and most of the dozen development centres for computer education will close.

who believe that they have already over-stretched their slender resources to frame the latest 6.06 per cent package. "This is slamming the door," an employers' spokesman said.

The teachers' panel of the Burnham committee had earlier been asked to support a proposal from the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers seeking a date for a return to negotiations, without strings attached.

An NUT amendment made resumed negotiations conditional on a significantly improved offer on the table.

Mr Fred Jarvis, general secretary of the NUT, refused to regard the difference of approach as a split on the union side.

But Mr Fred Smithies, general secretary of the NAS/UWT, the second largest union, made no secret of the "serious difference" which had opened up between his union and the NUT.

The NAS/UWT believed that the teachers should now be seeking an interim settlement of their 1985 pay claim, leaving the major problems confronting the profession to be thrashed out separately.

Mr Smithies said he was worried that the NUT-led ultimatum would lead to long-term disruption.

Mr David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said that it would have been better to have returned to the Burnham committee as quickly as possible without preconditions.

"I do not think the employers are going to respond and I do not think we are going to have another meeting until next term," he said.

By then, with another bout of disruptive action, the attitude of heads would have hardened against the employers, he said.

At the all-party Commons select committee on education Sir Keith Joseph, the Education Secretary, admitted that the shortages of maths, science and craft teachers were worsening.

He defended the top pay awards because of the danger of a loss of talent from the forces and judiciary, but was far more tentative when MPs asked him about the loss of talented teachers.

Asked what he could do about the teacher shortages, Sir Keith replied: "It is possible there would be scope within the initiative on the restructuring of teachers' pay, which has been offered for a year, to make room for some attractive conditions and awards for practitioners in these subjects."

But Sir Keith admitted that he was diffident about this idea: "The possibilities have not been fully examined."

"I did not say no money is available," Sir Keith replied. "I say the Government will not pay — except in return for better teaching."

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Thatcher tries to calm Ulster Unionists' fears

By Colin Brown

The Prime Minister attempted yesterday to reassure Ulster Unionist MPs who have warned of civil war that the Commons would have to approve any agreement between Britain and the Republic.

Mr James Molyneaux, leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, and 10 other MPs tabled a Commons motion yesterday insisting that Westminster would have to accept legislation before the Government could make a deal with the republic.

Mrs Thatcher told MPs that this would happen if an agreement was reached. Ideas believed to be nearing completion include joint meetings of ministers from Britain and Dublin; a joint security commission; an Anglo-Irish parliamentary group; and broad agreement on equal rights for Loyalists and Republicans.

Derek Brown adds from Brussels: The Northern Ireland Secretary, Mr Douglas Hurd, yesterday branded the civil war warnings "foolish and unhelpful." There was no evidence to back fears of an Anglo-Irish deal which did not respect the wishes of the Northern Ireland majority, he told a group of businessmen.

The London-Dublin talks had to remain confidential. Mr Hurd agreed with the 50-50 chance of success estimated by the Irish Prime Minister, Dr Garret FitzGerald, "but I wouldn't put any money on it either way."

Mr Hurd hinted that the next Anglo-Irish summit would mark the end of the talks, either way. "I look forward to the time, not far distant, when we are able to go public and say this is the agreement, or alternatively, here are the efforts we made and this is why we didn't succeed," he said.

He talked of the legitimate interest of the Irish Government in Northern Ireland affairs, particularly those of the minority community.

The aim of both governments was "to find an acceptable basis for deepening our relationship with the Irish Republic to the benefit of both communities in Northern Ireland and to have an overall relationship between the two governments. That relationship must be fully compatible with the constitutional guarantee given by the UK to Northern Ireland."

Coroner seeks substitute

By a Correspondent

A coroner wants to step down from hearing an inquest into the death of a 32-year-old man whose organs were used for transplant operations without the family's permission.

The Hammersmith coroner, Dr John Burton, has asked another coroner to take over. "I must make it clear that this is not connected with allegations that I authorised the removal of the organs," said Dr Burton, opening the inquest yesterday.

"The statement is inaccurate and I would have disregarded it. My decision arises from the fact that I have felt it necessary to make statements in advance of the evidence in order to preserve lives."

Mr Paul McWilliam, a plasterer, of Regent Avenue, Hillingdon, west London, died on July 14 after being hit by a car on Western Avenue, Uxbridge, one day before. Surgeons removed his heart and kidneys before the family was told that he was dead.

Dr Burton, who adjourned the inquest for a month, said that much of the publicity was erroneous and harmful. The coroner's role in removal of organs was limited and the law did not use the words "permission" or "consent" but said "does not object."

He said: "The coroner has no authority to permit the removal of organs other than above."

New checks system for workers with children

By Stephen Cook

A new system for checking the criminal record of people applying for jobs or volunteering to work with children in local authorities or the National Health Service is expected to be working by the end of the year.

The Government is hoping that it will soon be followed by similar arrangements for the 800 voluntary organisations which have employees or volunteers working with children.

The system, under which a nominated person will ask the local police if applicants have a criminal record for violence, indecency, dishonesty, drink or drugs, is set out in a review of current arrangements by the Home Office and Department of Health and Social Security, published yesterday.

The review was prompted by the case of Colin Evans, gaoled for life last year for the murder of four-year-old Marie Payne. Although he had a record of offences against children he had managed to get voluntary work with access to youngsters.

Mr David Mellor, a junior minister at the Home Office, said yesterday that the review showed current arrangements to be piecemeal, anomalous and far from satisfactory. The new system would be wide-ranging and comprehensive.

"It would be a rash man who said it will stop another Colin Evans," he said. "But it is a step in the right direction and a workable basis to provide society with enhanced protection against child molesters."

It would be too big a task to check police records on all those currently employed by councils and the NHS to work with children. But people moving within the organisation to a job with children should be checked, he said. There would also be a better system for the police to tell employers if those already working with children were convicted of relevant offences.

Applicants will be told about the checks and invited to declare any criminal record.

Architects sign up the Prince

By Gareth Parry

PRINCE CHARLES, whose recent blunt criticisms of modern architecture may not have endeared him to its practitioners, has accepted an invitation to join The Architecture Club.

The Prince, as recently as a year ago, accused modern architects of "consistently ignoring the feelings and wishes of the mass of ordinary people in the country."

His membership of the 63-year-old club will bring him face to face with its members at least three times a year.

In a speech to the Royal Institute of British Architects, Prince Charles described one proposed building as "yet another glass stump better suited to downtown Chicago than the City of London." And he called a proposed extension to the National Gallery "a kind of vast municipal fire station ... like a monstrous carbuncle."

The club, which has 240 members, never more than half of them architects, cites as its aim: "To enlarge the public appreciation of good architecture and the allied arts, and especially the best work of today."

Mr Peter Murray, the club secretary, said that it was a deliberate decision to invite Prince Charles to join as an ordinary member rather than as a patron. This was "so that he doesn't just come along in his official capacity. What we hope is that when he feels he has got something to say he will make his comments known."

One of the clubs three formal annual meetings is at a building considered to be of architectural interest. These have recently included Terminal Four at Heathrow and Buckingham Palace.

Councils' cash ploy faces ban

By John Carvel, Political Correspondent

Legislation which will effectively stop local authorities from selling their multi-million pound mortgage portfolios was promised yesterday by the Environment Secretary, Mr Patrick Jenkin.

He told the Commons that in future local authorities will have to seek permission from each borrower before such sales. Given the impracticability of this, the legislation, which Mr Jenkin said will be retrospective to midnight last night, will close an important opportunity for local authority asset sales.

The Government has been urged by the Audit Commission to encourage councils to maximise asset sales to provide cash for renovating their fast-deteriorating housing stock.

Mr Jenkin's decision to ignore this advice was influenced by a deal announced earlier this year by Liverpool council, which sold its mortgage portfolio, worth about £40 million, to Paribas merchant bank in an effort to evade government control on its investment spending.

The mortgage portfolios were built up several years ago when tenants buying council homes were usually offered mortgages. It is now more common for councils to help tenants to arrange mortgages with building societies or other private sector institutions.

Mr Jenkin presented the measure as an effort to protect borrowers. "Recently some authorities have packaged mortgage loans and sold them direct to financial institutions, without consulting the borrowers.

"This is an artificial transaction and should not count as an addition to capital receipts. Moreover, the borrower may have no say in the matter and may be unaware of the transaction until after the event.

Leading post-war forensic scientist

OBITUARY

PROFESSOR Keith Simpson, Britain's leading pathologist, has died at the age of 78.

Professor Simpson, who produced crucial evidence as Home Office pathologist in many notorious criminal cases, including the Hanratty trial and Haigh acid bath murders, was professor of forensic medicine to the University of London at Guy's Hospital medical school.

He obtained his MD in pathology in 1932 and became head of the Guy's pathology department before entering the field of forensic medicine.

Professor A. Keith Mant, professor of forensic medicine at Guy's writes: In the 1930s pathology was only just emerging as a specialist branch of medicine, and the situation was ideal for Keith Simpson, an outstanding personality with a brilliant academic background and a wealth of practical experience, to enter the field.

He was an excellent and popular lecturer and had a flair for writing. His text book, Forensic Medicine, first published in 1947, has seen eight editions and six reprints.

As well as professional publications, he also wrote a series of cases using the pseudonym of Guy Bailey. His autobiography, Forty Years of Murder, was a best seller.

In 1946 he became the first reader in forensic medicine in the University of London and began to build the first department of forensic medicine in the university. He was appointed lecturer in forensic medicine to Oxford University in 1961. He was created the first professor of forensic medicine in 1962. He retired in 1972.

Professor Simpson was a former president of the Medico-Legal Society, a founder member and president of the British Association in Forensic Medicine, a member of the Home Office Scientific Advisory Committee, and council member of the Royal College of Pathologists and of the Medical Protection Society.

He was appointed CBE in 1975 and received honorary degrees from the universities of Edinburgh and Ghent.

The Guardian's Ben Eastwood

BEN EASTWOOD, the last Guardian head printer to be responsible for the production of the whole paper before this was shared between Manchester and London, has died in Fleetwood, Lancashire, at the age of 78. Mr Eastwood joined the Manchester Guardian *composing room in 1907* and retired in 1967, his last six years being as head printer.

Johnny Wardle

Johnny Wardle, the former Yorkshire and England slow left-arm bowler, has died at his home at Hatfield, near Doncaster, aged 62.

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Council bases legal argument on drug withdrawal symptoms

Baby 'ill-treated as fetus'

A baby girl was ill-treated by her parents before her birth, since she was born with heroin and methadone withdrawal symtoms, Reading juvenile court was told yesterday.

Berkshire county council set a legal precedent by using the argument of ill-treatment before birth as one of its grounds for seeking a full care order on the child, now aged 19 weeks. An interim order was made in May.

The baby was five weeks premature when born in March, said Mr Ian Robertson, for the county council. She became very ill and was diagnosed as suffering from heroin and methadone withdrawal symptons.

He said the mother and her common law husband, who live in Reading, had a history of drug addiction and it is possible that their daughter will be handicapped.

Mr Robertson said the county council sought the order on the grounds that the child's health or development was being impaired or neglected or that she was being ill-treated.

Mr Robertson said the council claimed that those grounds applied to the time when the child was a foetus. He said: "This case is something of a precedent. The grounds in this case are going to be the subject of considerable legal argument."

The issues involved, were child care and the use of hard drugs. It was not the council's intention to punish the parents by bringing the case but "there is obviously a moral and ethical dilemma."

He said the baby was placed in a special care unit at the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, and later became very restless.

It was known that the mother was a registered heroin addict and the baby was given sedatives and anti-convulsants. But her condition deteriorated and by the fifth day she was having general convulsions. In the third week they became less frequent.

Mr Robertson said: "There is not a shadow of a doubt that she was suffering from the effects of withdrawal from heroin and methadone."

The case is proceeding.

Key Sizewell contract goes abroad

By Anthony Tucker, Science Correspondent

Confirmation by the Central Electricity Generating Board that a contract for special forgings for the Sizewell PWR has gone to the Westinghouse Corporation throws doubt on a claim by Sir Walter Marshall, CEGB chairman, that building a commercial PWR in Britain would open up world markets for British manufacturers.

Westinghouse has sub-contracted Kawasaki of Japan.

Sir Walter told the Lords select committee on overseas trade in April that, even for the first PWR, only 3½ per cent of hardware content would come from overseas. But the CEGB said yesterday that the figure should probably have been 7 per cent.

In a secret briefing document to the CEGB's executive secretary, Mr Richard Coldwell, some two years ago, its PWR project manager, Mr Brian George, said that he was nervous about information used to brief Sir Walter and other members of the executive, "as it is likely that inconsistencies will be found."

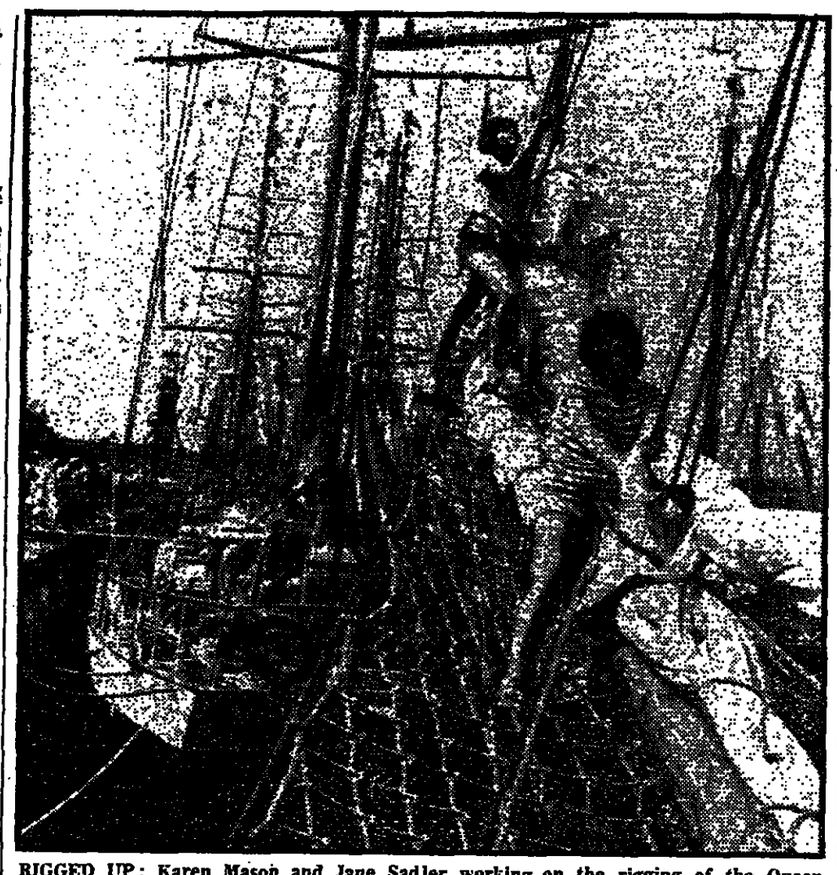
Mr George said that imported components for Sizewell B would amount to 6 per cent of the hardware.

For example, although on paper Babcock Power has been awarded the steam generator contract, important sub-contracts will go overseas. Inconel 600 tubing will come from France or Japan, and special sheet steel has already been ordered from Kobi of Japan for other parts of the construction.

In internal documents the CEGB says that although successful development support has resulted in some contracts being let to Sheffield Forgemasters (SF), specifically for pressuriser forgings, this has been at an additional cost of between £100,000 and £150,000.

At the CEGB's request, SF was included in the tender list for sub-contracts for the Sizewell B primary circuit. Yet "the SF bid for the 12 lower steam generator forgings was the highest received and, taking into account additional costs, was some £500,000 above the lowest technically compliant bidder."

In his evidence Sir Walter said that although the CEGB had not been able to give SF this contract on cost grounds, "we are placing further contracts with them." CEGB internal documents say that the quality audit of the foundry division of SF has not yet proved satisfactory and that "quality approval cannot yet be given".



RIGGED UP: Karen Mason and Jane Sadler working on the rigging of the Queen Galadriel, which today takes part in the Parade of Sail at Chatham and tomorrow sets off in the Cutty Sark tall ships race to Zeebruge. Picture by E. Hamilton West

Hospital bed and job cuts begin

By Andrew Veitch, Medical Correspondent

Bed closures and job cuts at Guy's Hospital, London, will start immediately to meet government cuts, health officials said yesterday. Lewisham and North Southwark health authority has accepted the plan to axe 300 jobs and close 63 beds by the autumn.

It was drawn up by the hospital's management board, headed by Professor Cyril Chantler, on the instructions of district health officials to save £4.8 million by April.

The number of outpatients in general medicine and surgery departments will be cut by nearly a third.

But Mr Victor Paige, chairman of the management board set up by the government to run the National Health Service, said yesterday that all authorities "have to work within the resources that are made available."

He was launching a set of computerised performance indicators which will be sent to district and regional managers to help them to use money more efficiently. Managers will measure their performances against other districts on such things as hip replacements, the numbers of children treated, baby death rates, and services for the mentally ill and handicapped.

Coal transport plan 'test bed' for canals

By Malcolm Pithers

The British Waterways Board yesterday began an attempt to win planning permission for what it calls a "vital test bed" for the revival of canals.

The board wants permission to uprate a small access lane near Thorpe Marsh power station in Yorkshire, to supply 20,000 tons of coal a week to the power station by barge and lorry along the country's only stretch of improved waterway.

Earlier planning applications were refused by Doncaster Borough Council, forcing a public inquiry, which opened yesterday in the village of Barnby Dun near the power station. The hearing is expected to last a week and the result will be known this autumn.

The villagers, rail unions, miners and the council oppose the plan, arguing that it will seriously affect the environment, threaten jobs and increase traffic.

Mr Jonathan Milner, counsel for the British Waterways Board, said the access road would serve a wharf for off-loading coal from the South Yorkshire navigation.

It was a vital test, he said. If the test is successful it would be repeated throughout the country for the benefit of industry."

Only NCB coal from NCB pits would be moved, he said, to allay fears that the plan would allow more foreign coal imports.

The scheme would create 110 new jobs. The 4,000 tons delivered daily would mean 40 movements an hour by road, which would bring 200 fewer lorry movements per day into two local villages.

Objectors say that the heavy road transport would damage the area's rural character, while Doncaster Borough Council intends to emphasise what it says is the inherent threat in the canal plan to a continuing market for locally produced coal and thereby to jobs in mining and transport.

The Rail Union Federation, a joint body of the National Union of Railwaymen and Aslef, will object to what it sees as the adverse impact on freight train transport.

The rail unions say that before the dispute the overwhelming majority of coal and oil coming into Thorpe Marsh was carried by rail. Since the strike there has been a dramatic increase in the proportion arriving by road.

Fowler 'had legal powers' to change benefit rules

By Susan Tirbutt

The Social Services Secretary was not unreasonable in limiting supplementary benefit for young people in board and lodging to four weeks, unless he should have known of the effect on a unique case, the High Court was told yesterday.

Mr John Laws, counsel for Mr Norman Fowler, was replying to a challenge to benefit rule changes by Mr Simon Cotton, aged 22, an unemployed man from Birkenhead, who is living in board and lodging accommodation.

In what the DHSS regards as a test case, Mr Cotton is applying for a judicial review of the decision, claiming that Mr Fowler had no power to designate board and lodging areas or lay down time limits. He also claims that Mr Fowler failed to consult the social security advisory committee probably before introducing the changes in April.

Mr Laws said the Secretary of State was given powers under the 1976 Supplementary Benefit Act to make the regulations and had consulted the advisory committee in drafting them, even though he was not obliged by the 1980 Social Security Act to refer every item.

Mr Laws said Mr Fowler had regard for the plight of people like Mr Cotton who lived in board and lodging in their home areas and had tried to provide some protection.

The Secretary of State was not unreasonable unless it were said that he should have known of Mr Cotton, who did not have family on whom he could rely. Unless Mr Fowler should have allowed for a class of persons similar to Mr Cotton, whose situation must be unique, he could not be held to be unreasonable.

Mr Justice Mann said he would give his decision at a later date.

Police pass on claims

By David Pallister

Manchester Police have referred a Guardian article detailing complaints of police harassment of students to the Police Complaints Authority.

The students claimed that they had been intimidated after the March demonstration at Manchester University students' union against the visit of the Home Secretary, Mr Leon Brittan.

Other student allegations of police violence during the demonstration are being investigated by the deputy chief constable of Avon and Somerset, Mr John Reddington, under the supervision of the authority.

Mr John Stalker, Manchester's deputy chief constable, said in a statement that it was the first time that the allegations of harassment had been drawn to his attention.

Merger backed

A tobacco workers' union delegate conference voted yesterday in London two to one in favour of a merger with AUEW-Tass.

A royal pledge sold

A copy of the document which sets out King Charles II's promises to his people before the restoration of the monarchy in 1660 was sold to a private collector at Sotheby's in London yesterday for £93,500.

Known as the Declaration of Breda — since the King signed it in exile in Holland — the document is the copy which the diarist Samuel Pepys, in his capacity as secretary to the First Lord of the Admiralty, had read aloud to the British fleet.

In the same sale, a copper plate for printing the earliest known map or plan of London, dating from between 1553 and 1559 sold for £55,000.

Also sold was a huge collection of letters and papers which belonged to Charles Townley, the 18th century collector, for £187,000.

Rail disruption

Train services to and from East Anglia were disrupted yesterday when a freight train carriage was derailed near Peterborough.

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BRITISH GAS

Accidental death verdicts on nine victims

M25 police 'had no fog alert' on day of crash

A police chief yesterday told the inquest into the deaths of nine people who died in a multiple collision on the M25 last December that his force had received no fog warning on the morning of the crash.

Superintendent Nicholas Brent, the Surrey police chief in charge of the investigation into the crash, told the inquest at Redhill, Surrey, that the London Weather Centre had issued a fog warning to the Thames Valley police, but not to the Surrey force.

Verdicts of accidental death were recorded on the nine who died. The coroner, Lt-Col George McEwan, said that the crash resulted from an exceptionally thick and totally unexpected patch of fog.

Supt Brent said that the accident on December 11 last year lasted for almost seven minutes and covered 45 yards of the west-bound carriageway of the motorway, on the Surrey/Kent border.

Twenty-six vehicles were involved, carrying 31 people, nine of whom died in the blazing wreckage. Supt Brent said that as the cars and lorries collided diesel fuel and petrol spilled out and caught alight, of fire.

A pathologist, Dr Stephen Cordner, said that all the bodies had suffered massive charring and most had to be identified from dental records or personal belongings. Seven of the victims died of incineration and inhalation of fire fumes, one man died from multiple injuries caused during the accident, and there was insufficient evidence to establish the cause of death of the ninth victim.

Motorists involved in the crash told the coroner how they suddenly drove into a thick wall of fog on the motorway and could see absolutely nothing. Suddenly, they found themselves crashing into other vehicles.

Mr Peter Rudd, a service engineer from Maidstone, Kent, said that when he hit the fog, "I braked abruptly and came to a stop in the centre lane . . . I heard an extremely loud crash which I took to be the sound of vehicles crashing, coming from the rear of my vehicle."

Mr Rudd told how he went back to help another motorist to free a man whose leg had been trapped inside a van. Suddenly there was a loud bang, "like the sound of a gas bottle exploding," and he saw flames approaching from behind the wrecked van.

"I got a piece of rope out and attached it to my car and tried to pull the van away from the side of a lorry which was on fire. People were trying to free the van but the heat was so intense that we were all forced to leave and the flames and smoke engulfed the van. I had to cut the rope and drive my car away because of fears for my petrol tank," he said.

Pension plea for former spouses

By Penny Chorlton

Divorced partners from lengthy marriages may have the chance to share in the occupational pension rights of their former spouse under proposals set out in a discussion paper yesterday by the Lord Chancellor's Department.

The paper suggests that an ex-husband or wife from a lengthy marriage should be able to apply for all or a share of pension money when their former partners die.

The paper points out that for most people the occupational pension fund has become a major asset. "Apart from the matrimonial home, this may well represent the only substantial asset available to both parties," the paper notes. It adds that an individual spouse may have up to 15 per cent of earnings during marriage invested in a company pension scheme.

There has been a long-standing problem for women seeking compensation for the loss of pension rights from their partners at the time of a divorce. The main difficulty has been how to assess compensation for a wife for the loss of widow's benefit should her ex-husband subsequently die. He may not die until many years after the divorce, and by then could have married again and be survived by a widow.

A past claim might appear unfair on the second spouse, but the paper says that a first spouse, especially a wife, may well have sacrificed career earnings (and pension rights of her own to bring up a family and run the home.

The paper suggests a two-stage procedure. When a marriage is ended either partner could apply to the court for a pension provision from the other's occupational pension scheme when he or she dies.

The second stage would be that on the death of the former husband or wife the spouse could apply to the managers of the occupational pension fund, through the courts, for all or a part-share of the benefits.

The paper suggests that all such rights would be cancelled if the former spouse remarries.

"Occupational Pension Rights on Divorce," Lord Chancellor's Dept. Neville House, Page St London, Price £1.



Two Hell's Angels who attended the opening of the inquest yesterday into John Mikkleson's death *Picture by Martin Argles*

Inquiry call on Hell's Angel

By Penny Chorlton

Mr Chris Magrath, a solicitor acting for friends of a Hell's Angel, John Mikkleson, who died in police custody last week, has called for a public inquiry into the "disquieting circumstances" leading to his death.

The inquest on Mr Mikkleson, 2aged 34, was formally opened in London yesterday. The results of three separate post-mortem examinations were not revealed.

Mr Magrath, issued a statement yesterday saying: "It is clear from the preliminary findings of our pathologist that only events which occurred either before, or immediately after Mr Mikkleson's arrest, could have led to both the cause and manner of his death."

The Hammersmith coroner, Dr John Burton, said there was no evidence from his own pathologist that Mr Mikkleson's skull had been fractured.

Mr Mikkleson, who was thought to be the only black Hell's Angel in Britain, died after being arrested after a fight in Feltham on July 15.

A complaint over police behaviour that night is being investigated by the Police Complaints Authority, said Mr Magrath.

The inquest heard that Mr Mikkleson's last known address was in North Kensington and that he had worked as a despatch rider.

A full inquest hearing was set for August 23.

Concern at parole changes

The Government's new rules on parole for killers and drug traffickers have caused widespread confusion and anxiety, it was claimed yesterday.

Guidelines issued last year said there should be no parole in less than 20 years for killers of police or prison officers, for murder by terrorists or for child sex killers, and no early release for violent criminals or drug traffickers serving more than five years.

The policy was criticised yesterday by the Parole Board for Scotland.

In its annual report, the board regretted that the new policy was applied retrospectively. It meant that some prisoners who had served most of their sentences would have their progress interrupted and legitimate expectations thwarted.

The report said that members of the board were unaware of any depth of public concern or criticism about the Scottish parole system to warrant tighter guidelines.

Last year 15 prisoners serving life sentences in Scotland were released on licence.

Police 'should be more ready to apologise'

By Stephen Cook

The police must be more willing to apologise and explain themselves if the new system for informal resolution of less serious complaints against police is to succeed, according to the final report of the Police Complaints Board.

The board — recently replaced by the Police Complaints Authority, with wider powers — says that police are often cynical about minor complaints and fail to treat them as scrupulously as serious ones.

"Many a complainant seeks only an acknowledgment that senior officers would not condone the type of conduct about which he has complained," says the report, published yesterday. "We have occasionally detected in the police a tendency to regard an apology as undermining the position of an accused police officer.

"In our view, successful informal resolution means acknowledging that a genuine sense of grievance need not always be accompanied by evidence which would justify a disciplinary charge against a police officer and providing an appropriate response. The resolution of a complaint may perhaps be achieved by the removal of misunderstanding which do not require the attribution of fault."

The report also says that the complaints and discipline procedures did not provide a solution to some cases where the board felt that police action was wrong and officers should be admonished rather than formally disciplined. If the deputy chief constable of the police force concerned did not agree there was rarely anything more the board could do.

This is unlikely to change under the PCA, which has powers to supervise the police inquiry into a complaint against the police but cannot insist on admonishment of an officer or an apology.

The board's report also says that some senior officers hae acknowledged that pressure can sometimes be put on people by police to withdraw complaints.

The board emphasises that police investigations into serious allegations are almost without exception throrough, impartial and highly professional.

Police Complaints Board, Final Review Report, Stationery Office, £3.50.

Water sources for a million people slip through EEC pollution limit loopholes

By John Ardill, Environment Correspondent

The Government has found a legal means of evading an EEC directive on the maximum level of nitrates in drinking water and is giving exemptions to the limit for 52 water supplies in the Anglian, Severn-Trent, Thames and Yorkshire water authority areas, affecting almost one million people. Parts of Lincolnshire, Norfolk, Cambridgeshire and Staffordshire are the main areas involved.

The Environment Minister, Mr William Waldegrave, stressed yesterday that the sources involved, which may occasionally go up to twice the EEC limit of 50 milligrams of nitrate for every litre of water, are not a health hazard.

The department is able to give "derogations" — exemptions — from the EEC's maximum admissible concentrations on the basis that the situation arises from "the nature and structure of the ground."

It freely admits that the concentrations of nitrates in the areas involved are largely due to the use of fertilizers and intensive farming methods.

Its lawyers, however, have advised that the conditions fall within the EEC definition. The DHSS chief medical officer, Dr Donald Acheson, has cleared the supplies on health grounds.

Nitrate in water has two associated health risks. It is an established cause of infantile methaemoglobinaemia — blue babies — but there have only been 14 reported cases in the UK in the past 35 years.

There is a postulated role for nitrate in causing stomach cancer but a UK study has found that stomach cancer mortality tended to be lower in areas with high nitrate concentrations, Dr Acheson added.

Mr Waldegrave said 90 per cent of UK water supplies met the 62 parameters of the EEC standards; Britain's water supplies were at least the equal of Europe's best.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Tenants win fight on mould

COUNCIL tenants in the Birmingham area yesterday won a High Court ruling that their local housing authority is legally obliged to carry out home improvements to get rid of harmful mould caused by condensation.

Two judges rejected Birmingham district council's argument that its duty was limited to repairs only to properties.

Embassy aids death inquiries

THE ALGERIAN embassy in London has been asked to assist investigations into the death of Mrs Alicia Newberry, aged 42, of Gateshead. She is said to have died from heat stroke last month while crossing the Sahara desert with a German man friend.

But the man has allegedly disappeared with Mrs Newberry's belongings and a large amount of cash. The British Consulate in Algiers and the Foreign Office in London are awaiting the results of a post-mortem examination.

Opera House peace plan

TALKS yesterday produced proposals from the employer's side to settle the stage hands' overtime strike which has cost the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, nearly £150,000 in lost bookings.

There are to be more talks tomorrow between the Opera House general administrator, Sir John Tooley, and the joint general secretary of the Broadcasting Entertainment Trades Alliance, Mr Tony Hearn.

BBC cleared in libel case

THE BBC was acquitted in the High Court yesterday of libelling a former language school owner in a Radio Four Checkpoint programme.

After a six-week hearing and a night in a West End hotel a jury found by a majority that Salaam Blackmore, of Knightstone Road, Weston-super-Mare, Avon, who was investigated by the report Roger Cook while running the Thanet school of English in Ramsgate, Kent, had not been defamed. Mr Blackmore was ordered to pay costs.

THE DAY IN POLITICS

Kaufman calls for review of fiance cases

IMMIGRATION

By Alan Travis

THE Shadow Home Secretary, Mr Gerald Kaufman, last night demanded a government review of the cases of 4,000 women who have been refused permission in the last six years to bring their fiancés into the United Kingdom against the recent European Court of Human Rights ruling.

During a Commons debate yesterday on the recent change in immigration rules to comply with the European Court judgment, Mr Kaufman said that if there was no review his advice to the 3,000-4,000 women was to take the British Government to the European Court, where they would have a good chance of winning and it would cost the British Government massive humiliation and several million pounds.

The European Court ruled six weeks ago that British immigration laws were sexually discriminatory because it was easier for a man than for a woman to obtain permission for a non-national spouse to enter and remain in the United Kingdom. The Court also ruled that the British Government had violated the European Convention on Human Rights because there was no effective remedy in UK law for the injustice.



Mr Budgen: 'Withdraw from European Convention'

Severe doubts were raised during the debate as to whether the British Government intends to renew its ratification of the Convention of Human Rights when it lapses next January.

To comply with the European Court ruling the British Government has narrowed the criteria for entry so that now a fiancé seeking to join a man in the United Kingdom will also be subject to the primary purpose test, i.e. she will have to prove that she is not marrying in order to live in the United Kingdom. Women will also now be subject to having to obtain an entry certificate, which can take up to 12 months on the Indian subcontinent, and prove that they will not be a burden on public funds.

Mr Kaufman said that, for the first time, the Government had defined the term "public funds." It was to include family income supplement, supplementary benefit and housing benefit. Mr Kaufman said that people who were unemployed through no fault of their own would be denied the right to bring their spouses and fiancés into this country. The 7¼ million people on housing benefit were also to be disqualified under these new rules.

"The Department of Health and Social Security is to be explicitly turned into an agency for immigration control," said Mr Kaufman. "It takes a Government infected with a particular version of meanness to do this."

Mr Kaufman claimed that the changes were all pointless as the new rules would still leave the Home Secretary as much in violation of the European Convention as the old rules had proved to be.

He demanded to know the Home Secretary's position on whether the European Convention would be reratified by the British Government in January, 1986. He said the Home Secretary had dodged the question and he gave a clear commitment that a Labour Government would ratify the convention on a permanent basis.

Earlier, Mr Nicholas Budgen (C, Wolverhampton SE) had demanded that the British Government should withdraw from the European Convention next January and deny the right of individual petition to the European Court.

Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, replied that that was a decision which the Government would not announce yesterday. There would be a statement later in the year on the subject.

Mr Brittan assured the House the new rules did comply with the European Court ruling. He said that the European Court had specifically endorsed the Government's concern to protect the domestic labour market.

He defended the decision to make the tests eventually apply to male fiancés rather than liberalising the rules by saying it would go back on the Government's firm commitment to strict immigration control. "We cannot have tight control over the admission of men for employment without having rules which prevent marriage being used to circumvent that control."

He said that the new immigration rules had also affected a group of Commonwealth citizens settled on January 1, 1973, and their dependants. The court ruling had meant the 1971 Immigration Act section relating to them was also sexually discriminatory and the Government is to introduce new legislation to amend it in the near future.

In conclusion, Mr Brittan conceded to Mr Sydney Bidwell (Lab. Ealing) that the new rules on entry clearance certificates for the 17,000 women affected by them would put an increased burden on existing immigration staff on the Indian subcontinent, but he did not pledge any extra staff to deal with the problem.

TEACHER'S PAY

No veto by PM—Joseph

THE Education Secretary, Sir Keith Joseph, yesterday flatly rejected a Labour MP's claim that the Prime Minister had personally vetoed plans to increase the teachers's pay offer.

With teachers' unions seeking another meeting of the Burnham review committee, Sir Keith, at Commons Question Time, dismissed the allegation by Mr Jack Dormand (Easington) describing it as "a total misconception." It was "totally remote from the truth," Sir Keith said.

Mr Dormand had asked him to "confirm that you were prepared to accept a higher settlement than was publicised which was acceptable to the teachers but blocked by the Prime Minister." He added: "How much more damage are you prepared to see in our schools?"

The Education Secretary said that the charge "is a total misconception. You are totally remote from the truth. I wish you would address your mind to the overall priority of the Government for better schooling for all children in the country of all abilities. That is the greater purpose the Government has to serve."

Earlier he had told a Tory backbencher Mr Tim Yeo (Suffolk S)—who said there were "grounds for concern at the low level of morale in the profession"—that many teachers did excellent work, often in difficult circumstances.

Sir Keith added: "I wish I could be sure that teachers realise the value of what we have been offering for a year."

Sir Keith also faced criticism in the Commons over the proposed pay rises of up to 48 per cent for judges, generals and top civil servants, in comparison with the 6 per cent limit for teachers.

He reiterated that the new money for teachers would only be available when a scheme was worked out to link pay with performance and improve standards in schools. "Only on this basis is the Government willing to see additional resources for schools."

Caning option bill shelved till autumn after Lords mauling

SCHOOLS

By Alan Travis

The Government has shelved until the autumn its bill giving parents the option of refusing permission for their children to be subjected to corporal punishment in schools.

The Government reluctantly introduced the bill, the Education (Corporal Punishment) Bill, to comply with a 1982 judgment in the European Court of Human Rights. It had hoped that it would reach the Statute Book before the summer recess, but it came to an abrupt halt in the House of Lords on July 4, when an amendment banning corporal punishment in schools was approved by four votes.

Sir Keith Joseph, the Education secretary, told the Commons yesterday that the Government would not proceed further with the bill through this session, but would now consider the appropriate course of action at the next one.

He gave a broad hint that the bill, albeit in a slightly different form, will be introduced into the Commons in October when the Government may then try to overturn the House of Lords amendment.

The Labour Education spokesman, Mr Andrew Bennett, said yesterday that the Government's decision meant that any teacher who now used corporal punishment without parents' consent would be extremely foolish.

He argued that a teacher in this situation would be in contempt of the Strasbourg ruling. A case could lead to the Government spending up to £120,000 on defence and the pupil concerned could receive substantial damages.

But Sir Keith made it clear that the law remained as it had always stood and teachers would continue to administer corporal punishment according to the policy of their local education authority.

The Education Secretary came under strong pressure from Conservative backbenchers to drop the bill and defy the European Court ruling or even introduce legislation which would reintroduce corporal punishment into more schools.

But Sir Keith Joseph was firm on the point, saying that the British Government had never broken a treaty obligation. He added that there were many schools which seemed to keep order and discipline without corporal punishment. He also ruled out the option of total abolition, saying that many teachers and parents wished to retain the option of corporal punishment in schools.

The Government has a third option in that it could decide to make the bill one in which parents opt in rather than opt out, of corporal punishment for their children.

This may appease the abolitionists in the House of Lords and would comply with the European Court ruling, which



Mr Bennett: 'Teacher could be in contempt'

was concerned with parental rights rather than the issue of corporal punishment.

However, education ministers have already faced the wrath of Conservative backbenchers over the question of opting in and they may be reluctant to pursue that.

During the debate Mr Tam Dalyell (Lab. Linlithgow) asked Sir Keith what he had learned from the "good thrashing" that he had had on the subject.

"I have learned a proper respect for the decisions of both Houses of Parliament," Said Sir Keith.

If the Government took no action on the court ruling it would mean breaking treaty obligations to which it had subscribed since 1951. Since 1986 successive governments have confirmed their compliance with the rulings of the European Courty every five years. The Government is due to do so again in 1986.

TOWN HALLS

Political spending ban urged

A BILL to "de-politicise" town hall spending was introduced in the Commons yesterday by the Tory MP, Mr Edward Leigh (Gainsborough and Horncastle).

The Local Government (Prevention of Corruption) Bill was given a first reading by 131 votes to 123, a majority of eight, but it stands no chance of becoming law because of lack of parliamentary time.

Mr Leigh said that the bill was needed to give ratepayers redress against "full-time, hard left Labour politicians, who, denied power in the national arena, have turned town halls into an alternative state."

Protesting about Greater London Council grants to organisations like the Troops Out Movement and Babies Against the Bomb, Mr Leigh said "political corruption" was not confined to financial matters. There had been violent intimidation of councillors recently in Lambeth and Camden.

His bill would "de-politicise town hall spending" by giving ratepayers the right to ask the courts to intervene and making it unlawful for councils to do anything which promoted support for or opposition to any political party.

Opposing the bill, the Labour MP and GLC chairman, Mr Tony Banks (Newham NW) condemned it as "untimely, unnecessary and unworthy."

"Such a bill as outlined would be based on all the maliciousness which now characterises the Tory Government's attitude towards local government in Britain, one of the most uncorrupted and efficient systems of local government in the entire world," he said.

SHADOW CABINET

Leftwingers make it up

LEFT-WING Labour MPs of the Campaign and Tribune groups met last night to agree to a compromise on a joint slate of candidates for the Shadow Cabinet election.

The Campaign group is believed to have accepted at the Tribune group's insistence the inclusion of Mr Robin Cook, head of the Labour Party's campaigning organisation, in the joint slate. The two groups are expected to agree on a total of eight names, including that of Mr Cook.

Each group will then put forward two extra names of its own for the joint slate. The Tribune group's choice is expected to be Mr Jack Straw and Mr Bob Hughes, and the Campaign group is expected to add Mr Tam Dalyell and Mrs Margaret Becket, a front-bench spokesman on social security, to complete a joint list of 12.

DEFENCE

Star wars protest

LABOUR MPs last night protested in the House of Commons about attempts by the Defence Secretary, Mr Michael Heseltine, to win British orders for the development of the "Star Wars" Special Defence Initiative in the United States.

Led by Mrs Ann Clwyd, a group of Labour MPs, tabled a Commons motion opposing participation by the United Kingdom in SDI research. They said that any involvement in the arms race in outer space would be impossible to halt. They called on the Prime Minister to "totally reject such a dangerous concept which will threaten the stability of the world."

PRISONERS

Call-back review

By Aileen Ballantyne

THE Home Secretary, Mr Leon Brittan, yesterday announced measures which will make it easier for him to recall life prisoners released on licence from mental hospitals.

In future, these prisoners are to be released and recalled under the same arrangements as other life sentence prisoners — if there are indications that they could again be a risk to the public.

Under the present arrangement such people can be recalled to hospital only on psychiatric advice, if they show clear signs of mental disorder.

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Britain favours continuing dialogue with Pretoria

Howe vetoes sanctions as weapon against SA

By Patrick Keatley, Diplomatic Correspondent

Sir Geoffrey Howe, in a major policy speech on the southern Africa crisis, has given robust endorsement to the Reagan concept of constructive engagement in dialogue with Pretoria as a way out of the present impasse. At the same time, the Foreign Secretary has ruled out economic sanctions, and put up a warning marker to other governments that Britain will veto the idea if they try to force this strategy on Mrs Thatcher.

Sir Geoffrey's use of the same language as President Reagan's special envoy, Dr Chester Crocker, came in the central passage of his speech to a packed meeting of the Royal Commonwealth Society.

Having conceded that the pressure for sanctions is now approaching the point of decision in Washington, he added: "Every new outrage in South Africa gives further ammunition to those who press for such measures."

He went on: "Western governments certainly ask themselves seriously whether their existing policies have failed so badly that they should abandon them and, in effect, disengage in any constructive sense from the problems.

"Frankly, I do not believe this would be right. We remain firmly opposed to economic sanctions of any kind. We oppose sanctions because we believe that economic growth in South Africa offers the most likely route for peaceful political change."

Closely monitoring these words were the 12 high commissioners of Commonwealth governments in the audience yesterday, whose prime ministers and presidents have been planning to press for joint action on sanctions when they assemble at the Commonwealth summit in Nassau in the autumn.

Their aim there is to get Mrs Thatcher's support, or at least her acquiescence, on selective mandatory economic sanctions to be imposed by the UN.

But this new move by Britain's Foreign Secretary, who had himself chosen the time and the topic for his address, is a plain signal that Britain is prepared to block its Commonwealth partners on sanctions and line up with President Reagan.

It was no accident that Sir Geoffrey used the word constructive, echoing the Reagan catchphrase, and rejected the strategy of disengagement, within the scope of a single sentence. His speech, which had been heavily redrafted in the previous 24 hours to allow for the fresh crisis in South Africa, bore the personal seal of approval of the Prime Minister. Sir Geoffrey Howe had, in fact, been at 10 Downing Street for the two hours previous to his arrival at the RCS.

His audience listened in what might be described as anxious silence as he came, on page 31 of his text, to the key question: "What must be done?"

He answered himself in these words: "The most urgent priority is action of a convincing and effective kind, to create a climate of confidence which will permit a real dialogue with the genuine leaders of the black community, whom blacks must be permitted to choose."

He then outlined the six "bold steps" needed to get dialogue and constructive engagement under way.

"The unconditional release of Nelson Mandela, end forced removals, and detention without trial, an early end to the state of emergency, progressive abolition of discriminatory legislation such as the pass laws and the Group Areas Act and a commitment to some form of common citizenship for all South Africans."

How did Britain propose to gain these six admirable objectives? The answer was provided by the Foreign Secretary: "This requires bold steps by the South African government."

It emerged, at the end, that he and Mrs Thatcher are relying wholly on dialogue and diplomatic pressure to influence President Botha.

Life one long holiday for Iraq's Iranian captives

By David Hearst in Baghdad

RAMADI Two, a PoW camp about 70 miles east of Baghdad, was typical of the way the Iraqis treated their Iranian captives, so we were told. The camp commandant, General Abdi Aziz, would answer every question. After all, he had nothing to hide.

How many PoWs did he have? The commandant shrugged his shoulders. Our guide interpreted: "He does not know. He is not responsible." But he was responsible for the camp, wasn't he? "Yes, but only as an administrator."

Doesn't an administrator know how many prisoners he has to administrate? "No. The UN does. They are responsible. Ask them." Next question.

What work did the PoWs do? "Work?" came the indignant reply. "All the time they see television, read books, English, Arabic, Persian, they play chess, sheshbesh (backgammon) they play football, basketball, every sport, their time is free. . ." The commandant slaps his hands twice, an indication that his sentence is about to end, "No work."

The Persians were amply rewarded for their leisure. They were paid anything from one to six dinars, according to their rank. They ate three meals a day — the same food as their Arab guards ate — and in consequence their health was "very good." They could read newspapers in English, Arabic, and Farsi, and received regular visits from the International Red Cross and the ever-present UN, sometimes twice a month.

But so as not to take his word for it, we were invited to see for ourselves. The part of the camp we were allowed to see consisted of four one-storey blocks, but only the two nearest the "Welcome"-sign written in English over the entrance seemed occupied. Washing was drying on the line, a homely sight, behind the 30-foot-wide barrier of barbed-wire and row of nails.

A group of Iranian soldiers were sitting around a pile of okra buds in front of the camp kitchen, but it was only after the group of foreign journalists had walked through the gates that they began cutting them for the lunchtime meal. It was as if they were responding to the signal of an off-stage director.

We approached the group to find the meal they were preparing already cooked. Besides three large barrels of rice, a soldier stirred a typical Iraqi casserole, scooping up the chunks of meat with a shovel. The dish was hot, but curiously there was no fire underneath. The cameras clicked, the POWs smiled, watching our every move.

The party was conducted to the doctor's surgery and dispensary, piled high with unopened packets of drugs. The PoWs' health was so good that the doctor only had to treat non-urgent cases. Such as, "You know, sore throats, headaches," he replied.

We were led into a ward, where only two beds were occupied, one by a man so thin that his body followed faithfully the contours of his bed. What I asked, was wrong with him? "Anxiety," the doctor replied.

On the television set blaring away in the room a man was dancing the tango with a dummy.

Activity in the camp spread by spontaneous combustion. The yard outside, which was empty when we arrived, had in our absence filled with PoWs walking up and down in twos and threes. This was a curious thing to do at two in the afternoon, when the temperature was nearing 40 degrees Celsius. An energetic game of volleyball began in the back yard.

Meanwhile, in the library, books in many languages were being read. On the shelf an English physics book entitled How Things Function was placed next to a copy of Voltaire's Candide.

We were finally taken to meet the prisoners themselves. We were led into a room, full mainly of boys sitting on neatly ranged mats against the walls. Some stared at backgammon boards placed in front of them, but they seemed to be playing by themselves. Another television set broadcast the words of Ayatollah Ali Teherani, one of Iran's exiled opposition figures.

I chose at random a PoW, only 19 years old, who was captured four years ago at the front. He said in broken English: "Everyone likes the war to finish. I play football, basket, I am treated well. I receive some letters from my mother every month. I am treated well."

He looks up at the large group of camp guards that has now formed around him and me.

Significantly, last year another group of visiting journalists was taken to the same prison and met by a hail of stones from the PoWs and cries of "Allah Akba" (God is great).



Muslim militiamen watch as the Honduran-registered ship Roule blazes in Sidon. The ship was shelled by an Israeli warship and later sank.

Israel sinks ship

From Ian Black in Jerusalem and Reuter in Sidon

Israeli navy patrol boats yesterday sank a "suspicious" merchant ship in Sidon harbour, south Lebanon, the military command announced in Tel Aviv last night.

The Israelis said that their vessels had sighted the ship while on a routine patrol off the Lebanese coast, and were fired on as they approached Sidon. One Israeli sailor was slightly injured. The military statement said the Israelis had hit the ship, which later sank. Lebanese radio stations reported that the crew was rescued.

The Israeli navy conducts routine reconnaissance patrols along the Lebanese coast trying to prevent arms deliveries by sea to Palestinian forces trying to consolidate positions lost during the Israeli occupation of the south.

Israeli ships fired dozens of shells at the port for 45 minutes, causing an uncontrollable fire on the ship, the 998-ton Lebanese-owned motor vessel Roule.

The Roule's Greek captain, Michel Kingares, said the attack followed a sea chase. He said an Israeli gunboat machine-gunned his ship after he ignored orders to accompany it to the Israeli port of Haifa and slipped into Sidon.

Capt Kingares said the gunboat slightly damaged the Roule before being driven off by shore-based militia fire. About three hours later, four Israeli warships arrived and began shelling. He said Israeli gunboats had shadowed the Roule for three days after its arrival off Lebanon with 1,200 tonnes of cement from Cyprus.

He said gunboats stopped him unloading at a makeshift private dock recently built by the Druze-led Progressive Socialist Party militia at Khalde, south of Beirut, and refused to let him sail to the south Lebanese port of Tyre.

"This morning I tried to reach Sidon by sailing close to the shore, but the gunboat intercepted us again and instructed me to accompany it to Haifa. "I refused and instead entered the port and the Israeli gunboat opened fire," Capt Kingares said.

Peres continues search for link with Moscow

From our Own Correspondent in Jerusalem

Israel must continue striving for better relations with the Soviet Union although there are no signs of an immediate breakthrough, the Prime Minister, Mr Shimon Peres, said yesterday.

Mr Peres told the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee that while there had been no real change in Moscow's policy towards Israel, there had recently been greater interest than previously in developments in the Middle East.

Mr Peres's comment followed several days of excitement over reports of a meeting in Paris between th Israli eand Sovi ambassadors to France when the envoys discussed the possible reestablishment of diplomatic ties after a break of over 18 years.

The two ambassadors also examined the possibility of easing restrictions on Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union, an end to anti-Soviet propaganda, and an Israeli-Syria agreement about the future of the occupied Golan Heights.

Analysts believe that Moscow's overtures to Jerusalem may be intended to pave the way for Soviet participation in a Middle East peace conference.

ISRAEL will today release about 100 of the Shi'ite prisoners transferred from South Lebanon earlier this year, the army spokesman announced last night. The release will leave about 350 Lebanese still in detention at the Atlit prison camp.

Moscow Radio's Hebrew service said on Sunday that the Soviet Union is "not Israel's enemy" recognises Israel's right to exist, and is opposed to "extremist elements" in the Arab world that seek to destroy the Jewish state.

Observers noted that the wording "is not an enemy" was a near repetition of statements made recently by Mr Peres and the Foreign Minister, Mr Yitzhak Shamir, and a possible sign that Moscow is prepared to overlook the leak in Israel of information about the highly sensitive Paris meeting.

The Prime Minister also told the Knesset committee that only two of the seven men chosen by the PLO to represent it in a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation are acceptable to Israel. The two are Mr Hanna Siniora, editor of the East Jerusalem daily newspaper Al-Fajr, and Mr Fayez Abu Rahme, the chairman of the Gaza Lawyers' Association.

AP adds from Moscow: pravda yesterday carried an article critical of Israeli policies concerning Arab lands, and accused it of "creeping annexation" by building settlements in occupied territories.

Iran envoys told to recruit new allies

IRAN's ambassadors have been formally instructed to find new allies for their country, part of a diplomatic offensive launched to reverse international caution towards the six-year-old Islamic Republic.

"Seek new allies around the globe," President Ali Khamenei told a gathering of Iranian diplomats on home leave in Tehran, the Iranian news agency IRNA reported.

The agency, received in London, quoted the Prime Minister, Mr Mir-Hossein Mousavi, as telling the group yesterday that animosities aroused by the 1979 revolution had led foreign governments to support groups opposing the Islamic government.

"This support will continue as long as we have not reached reconciliation with them," Mr Mousavi said.

Both President Khamenei and Mr Mousavi stressed the stability of the Iranian government, which has not faced any severe internal challenges for more than three years.

In recent months, top Iranian officials have toured not only Iran's traditional radical-Arab allies, but conservative Arab countries, Africa, Latin America, and Asia.

Reconciliatory signals have even been sent to "satans" of the early revolutionary years — France, the US and the Soviet Union.

Meanwhile, Iraqi troops repelled a dawn attack by Iranian forces in the central Gulf war sector yesterday with heavy losses on the Iranian side, the official Iraqi news agency INA reported.

The report did not disclose the precise area under attack. Iran's last assault in the Central Sector of the 58-month old war was near the Iraqi border town of Mandali 80 miles north-east of Baghdad on June 30. Iraq reported that attack was thrown back. — Reuter.

Zimbabwe hedges on constitution

From Andrew Meldrum in Harare

Zimbabwe's second parliament opened yesterday with an opening speech by President Canaan Banana which pledged that the Government would continue its emphasis on social development, but made no mention of any changes to the country's Lancaster House constitution.

The Prime Minister Mr Robert Mugabe, whose Zanu party was decisively returned to power in the national election earlier this month with 63 of Parliament's 100 seats, had harshly criticised the constitution for guaranteeing disproportionate parliamentary representation to the country's white minority and preventing a one-party state until 1990.

Mr Mugabe had suggested that he would illegally change the constitution, but the President's opening speech, in which he listed new bills to be introduced, did not indicate any such constitutional changes.

President Banana said that Zimbabwe would continue militarily to support the troubled government of Samora Machel in neighbouring Mozambique. he said that Zimbabwe will continue to aid its "neighbour and ally Mozambique, to safeguard the (oil) pipline from Beira to Mutare and corresponding road and rail routes which are vital to our export and import trade." About 7,000 Zimbabwean troops are estimated to be stationed in Mozambique and it is understood that more troops will soon be deployed there.

President Banana also said that "more vigorous operations" would be carried out by Zimbabwe's security forces to eliminate activity by rebels in the south western Matabeleland region which is Mr Joshua Nkomo's political stronghold.

President Banana said that the pace of the land resettlement programme would be accelerated, with at least 15,000 families getting new land in the coming year.

The push to develop the rural areas, in which about 80 per cent of the country's eight million people live, would be boosted by expansion of the country's electricity grid. Rural newspapers are also to be established and the Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation will expand its rural transmitter network, according to President Banana.

Meanwhile, two Spaniards have been detained by Zimbabwe police for questioning. The two visitors are suspects in the murder of the Spanish ambassador to Zimbabwe who was found beaten to death early on Monday.

Sudan's repayment easier

By Jonathan Steele

Sudan's private creditors, the commercial banks known as the London Club, have agreed on new and more generous debt repayment terms to offer the country since the downfall of President Numeiri. The deal, which will require several more weeks to be finalised, may not be helped by this week's resignation of the Finance Minister, Mr Awad Abdulmajid.

Mr Abdulmajid's departure highlights the growing public disappointment in Khartoum at the lack of economic progress. three months after the change of regime. He has been criticised for failing to keep down basic food prices.

The popular pressure for change is pushing even moderate politicians into making radical demands. On a visit to London this week to talk to politicians and bankers, Mr Sadiq al-Mahdi, leader of the Umma party, which has a good chance of winning next year's election, favoured repudiating part of the country's debt.

"There is a moral and political case for repudiation," he said. "Provided it is accompanied by a serious attitude towards reform, it can release resources for developing the economy and will help."

Mr al-Mahdi's position is more radical than the demand for easier repayment terms made by African heads of state at last weekend's conference of the Organisation of African Unity in Addis Ababa. But it reflects the unusual gravity of Sudan's economic crisis.

Besides living through one of the worst famines in Africa, Sudan has the continent's heaviest debt burden. Annual service payments on its estimated $12 billion debt amount to 150 per cent of its export earnings, according to Mr al-Mahdi. This is a figure which makes repayment impossible.

The debt and the famine crisis are intertwined. Under President Numeiri, in addition to exporting more cotton from land which could have grown food, Sudan tripled the exports of its basic grain, sorghum.

Mr al-Mahdi says that Sudan is a special case which ought to deserve more sympathy from its creditors, because of its fledgling transition from dictatorship.

He acknowledges that creditors have not been conspicuously more accommodating towards revived Latin American democracies such as Argentina and Brazil but argues that Sudan's debt was uniquely lent to one individual, Numeiri, and that creditors should have been more careful.

Turkish torture fails to chill relations

By Michael Simmons

British government warmth towards the post-martial law regime in Turkey remains undiminished despite yesterday's report from Amnesty International that the use of torture there is widespread and systematic. Turkish embassy officials described publication of the report as "rather surprising when everything is improving" in the country.

The report, which includes several first-hand accounts of torture, beatings and humiliating treatment in prisons and police stations, is based on thousands of reports which Amnesty says it has received of what has happened to prisoners under all administrations in Turkey from the early 1970s

Amnesty says that its detailed information on torture relates mostly to political prisoners. "Throughout 1984," the organisation says, "AI continued to receive allegations of torture and of deaths caused by torture and believed that any person detained for suspected political offences was in danger of being tortured.

"Continuing reports of torture during recent months point to the fact that the pattern has shown no signifient change during the first part of 1985."

An Amnesty official said last night that hundreds, if not thousands, of telegrams had been sent over the past 12 months to the Turkish President, General Kenan Evren, the Prime Minister, and other senior officials, protesting at the reported use of torture.

The Turkish rejoiner to such charges, also stated in the report, is to deny that torture is "systematic." Mr Aydin Sabinbas, counsellor at the Turkish Embassy, said last night that the Ankara Government was "very keen" on seeing that those accused of using torture were prosecuted, and that some found guilty — though he knew no numbers — had been imprisoned.

The British Foreign Office said last night that Britain still endorsed the views of Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, when he was in Turkey five months ago, and reiterated shortly afterwards in the House of Commons by Mr Richard Luce, Minister of State.

Mr Luce said Turkey was making progress towards democracy and the restoration of human rights. "There is no shadow of doubt," he added, "that considerable progress has been made."

Britain was doing everything it could to encourage trade with Turkey, and still supported the granting of EEC aid to the country.

Jewish rule relaxed

Jerusalem: Ethiopian Jews, angered because they have not been fully recognised as Jews in Israel, will no longer be asked to take a symbolic conversion bath, the country's chief rabbis said yesterday.

The statement, after a meeting between the Prime Minister, Mr Shimon Peres, and chief rabbis Avraham Shapira and Mordechai Eliahu, follows weeks of protests by the 15,000 Ethiopian Jews.

Like other Jews the new immigrants, brought from the famine-plagued Horn of Africa in a secret airlift, would still be required to prove they are fully-fledged Jews before marrying

Mr Rahamim Elazar, secretary of the Association of Ethiopian Jews, said the compromise would be referred to the Falasha community's religious leaders.

"If they say it's okay, I believe we will accept it," Mr Elazar said.

Mr Peres intervened in the dispute after hundreds of Ethiopian Jews trekked on foot to Ben Gurion airport last week, saying that they had been humiliated by the rabbis and wanted to emigrate.

Yesterday's statement said that the chief rabbinate recognised the Falashas as an integral part of the Jewish people.

Panjsheer under fire

ISLAMABAD: Heavy Soviet bombing of rebel positions in Afghanistan's Panjsheer valley and guerrilla rocket attacks in Kabul, were reported yesterday by Western diplomats.

They said they had received reports that Soviet plane began bombing the rebel-held upper part of the valley north of Kabul 10 days ago in what appeared to be a move to counter a rebel offensive.

The diplomats said their reports of fighting from the area were fragmentary. The official Afghan Bakhtar news agency reported on Monday that government commando units had wiped out an important rebel base in the upper Panjsheer.

The diplomats said guerrillas fired more than a dozen rockets into Kabul on July 16

The Pakistan-based Jamiat-i-Islami guerrilla party said on Monday that Afghan helicopters bombing a rebel stronghold in Panjsheer on July 6, killed 131 captured Communist officers who were about to be exchanged for guerrillas. — Reuter.

Two Koreas in deadlock

Panmunjon: Parliamentarians from North and South Korea met yesterday for the first time in 40 years to arrange talks on reunifying the Korean peninsula but failed to agree on an agenda.

After more than two hours of talks in Panmunjon border village, the two sides agreed in principle for plenary sessions between 11 lawmakers from each side to be held alternatively in Seoul and Pyongyang.

North Korea said it would not refuse to discuss a southern proposal for drafting a unified constitution for Korea, divided since the 1950-53 Korean War.

But South Korea refused to agree to a northern proposal for a non-aggression pact, saying it should be discussed by government authorities.

The chief northern delegate, Mr Jon Kum-Chol said: "We are not against the discussion of the question of instituting a unified constitution demanded by your side . . . though we consider that the question of publishing a joint declaration of non-aggression must naturally be the agenda item of top priority at parliamentary talks." — Reuter.

Gandhi's talks raise hopes of solution in Punjab crisis

From Ajoy Bose in New Delhi

The Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, had talks with Sant Harchand Singh Longowal, president of the Sikh militant party, Akali Dal, in New Delhi yesterday, raising tentative hopes of an end to the four-year-old crisis in the Punjab.

The talks which ended a 17-month impasse in the dialogue between the Indian Government and Sikh militants to find a negotiated settlement to Akali demands for more religious and political autonomy for Sikhs in Punjab, were described as "useful."

The two leaders met without aides for 30 minutes and have agreed to meet again this morning.

Many Akali Sikh activists gathered outside parliament house as Mr Gandhi held talks with the Sikh leader. Mr Longowal was accompanied by a security escort to guard against a feared attack on him by Sikh terrorists opposed to a negotiated settlement to the Punjab problem.



Harchand Singh Longowal: talks described as 'useful'

Yesterday's meeting is seen here as a significant step towards settling the seemingly intractable problem in Punjab which had earlier threatened to plunge India into a civil war, particularly after the assassination of Mrs Indira Gandhi by her Sikh security guards last October.

The meeting comes after concerted efforts of both leaders in the past few months to ease the tension. The Prime Minister in March released militant leaders who had been arrested during the army operation in the Golden Temple last year, and then concede most of their demands. Sant Longowal has consistently urged harmony between Hindus and Sikhs and condemned violence unleashed by Sikh terrorists in Punjab and elsewhere.

Observers here feel that while the talks are a welcome step forward, many hurdles remain. It is feared that the extremist faction of the Akai Dal, led by Baba Joginder Singh, 80-year-old father of the slain Sikh zealot, Sant Jarnail Singh Bhindrawale, is likely to oppose vehemently any settlement between Sant Longowal and the Government.

A possible compromise between Sant Longowal and the Government may also be sabotaged by his rivals even in his own party who fear that this may give the militant party chief political supremacy over them.

MPs' insult to Marcos

From William Branigin in Manila

OPPOSITION MPs have filed an impeachment resolution against President Ferdinand Marcos, accusing him of "permitting and abetting economic sabotage" through overseas investments by relatives, friends, and government officials.

The resolution, the first such impeachment measure initiated against Mr Marcos in his 20 years in power, was filed by 35 opposition members of the National Assembly

The impeachment move followed press reports in the US that prominent Filipinos have channelled tens of millions of dollars into US investments through shadowy holding companies as part of a damaging capital outflow estimated to total billion of dollars since the 1960s.

Among those cited as maintaining large American investments totalling billions of dollars were Imelda, two cabinet ministers, and several friends of the President.

Backers of the impeachment resolution conceded that the measure had practically no chance of passage in the assembly.

Reagan struggles to stand tall

From Alex Brummer
In Washington

RONALD REAGAN yesterday formally joined the ranks of venerable elderly statesmen. The American President, who has stood tall for so long, joined his Chinese guest, President Li Xiannian, and accepted a plain Yaltaesque seat on a raised platform on the South Lawn of the White House.

Mr Reagan emerged hand-in-hand with his wife from the White House blinking in the sunlight. The President, looking gaunt, drawn and pale, strolled to the end of the red carpet: Nancy squeezed his hand and whispered in his ear and the veteran performer jerked to life, smiled and turned his head to the battery of cameras.

It was a strangely subdued affair. It was as if the crowd of Chinese and American guests — including the ramrod straight figure of the actor, Robert Mitchum — were holding their breath. Mr Li, at 76 years old, two years Mr Reagan's senior and still suffering from a bullet wound in his leg sustained during the long march nearly 40 years ago, had to be manhandled out of his limousine and on to the podium.

A more vigorous younger generation including Vice-President George Bush and the Chinese Vice-Premier, Mr Li Peng, looked on.

During their chat in the White House, Mr Reagan officially told Mr Li that he had just a few moments earlier approved the nuclear co-operation agreement. The President had been briefed on its details a few hours earlier by the Secretary of State, Mr George Shultz, and the National Security Adviser, Mr Robert McFarlane.

The two leaders stood for a few moments as the marine band struck up the national athems and a distant gun salute rang out. It was Mr Li who spoke the words the country and world had been thinking for the last 11 days since Mr Reagan's surgery: "Mr President, I am very happy to see you are recovering so fast, and I am deeply touched by your participation in this welcoming ceremony." Ronald Reagan was back, or so it seemed.

But the Reagan who stood before the world yesterday was not yet the fit and vet-talking figure Americans know from the campaign platform or the television screen. He was skinnier and hoarser than usual and stumbled over his abbreviated remarks.

Mr Reagan, once the sworn enemy of the Red Chinese, noted graciously that Mr Li was the "first Chinese head of state to visit our country.

"Ours is an increasingly productive relationship, based not on personality or momentary concerns, but on recognition that nations share common interests," he said.

Mr Reagan hinted at deals to be made when he told his Chinese visitor "scientific and technical cooperation is being put to use in a wide range of endeavours. And this, too, can be expected to increase."

During Mr Li's visit to Washington, the two leaders will sign the peaceful nuclear cooperation agreement. The way for this understanding was cleared when China promised that it was no longer helping Pakistan to build a nuclear bomb.

The nuclear pact is certain to be a great cause of rejoicing not only in Peking but in the Boardrooms of Bechtel and Westinghouse which can be expected to pick up $10 to $15 billion in contracts when the Chinese decide to turn the agreement into actual power generation. For the depressed American nuclear power industry, desperate for business, the virgin fields of China could be their salvation.

Schlueter delays US visit to impose curbs at borders

Danish PM orders tight security after blasts

Copenhagen: The Danish Prime Minister, Mr Paul Schlueter, delayed a visit to the US yesterday so that he could supervise tight new security measures as the normally peaceful country reacted with shock to Monday's bomb attacks.

After an emergency meeting of the national security committee, Mr Schlueter announced that security was to be tightened inside Denmark as well as at border posts and ports. He postponed for 24 hours his departure to attend a meeting of the International Democratic Union in Washington.

The Danish press condemned the two explosions against a synagogue and a airline office, which injured 27 people in a country which thought itself immune from terrorism.

The Copenhagen newspaper Politiken called the blasts "hateful and criminal acts" and expressed fear that they might bring a wave of anti-foreign sentiment in a country which saw its intake of refugees mainly Iranian deserters from the Gulf War, increase 12-fold last year, to more than 4,000.

Danish police had few clues about responsibility for the attacks. Six foreigners detained for questioning were released.

The "Islamic Jihad" (Holy War) organisation claimed in a telephone call to an international news agency in Beirut, that one of its Scandinavian cells was responsibible for the attacks as a reprisal for an Israeli assault last weekend on a south Lebanese Shi'ite village.

Apart from 14 Danes, the casualties were three US citizens, four Algerians, two Poles, one Jordanian, one Swede, one West German and a Briton police said.

A bomb disposal squad defused a third device planted in one of Copenhagen's most popular tourist spots by the Nyhavn canal.

Meanwhile, Jewish leaders met senior police officials in Stockholm yesterday to ask for greater security measures there.

Anna Tomforde adds from Bonn: Senior civil servants of the leading Western industrial countries, will gather for a two-day meeting in Bonn today to discuss air safety and security at airports following the recent spate of international hijackings.

The meeting on the prevention of terrorism was originally agreed at the Western economic summit in Bonn in May, but anti-hijack measures were placed at the top of the agenda following the Beirut TWA hijacking and other attacks on civilian air traffic.

It is organised and hosted by the Bonn Government, which, despite official manifestations that it will cooperate in fighting air piracy, has shown little inclination to implement sanctions, such as a boycott of Beirut Airport called for by Washington.

The talks will be based on the 1978 declaration on aircraft hijackings, which called for the suspension of flights to and from any country that refused to extradite or prosecute hijackers or failed to return the aircraft.

However, some of the countries have already made clear that a blanket approach to the hijacking threat would prove ineffective, and have called for sanctions to be graduated.



A mourner takes a final farewell as a child is buried in Tesero after the dam disaster

Italy worried by disasters ahead

From Campbell Page
in Milan

Italy's emergency services were transformed after the earthquake in the southern mountains of Irpinia in 1981 when even the President accused the state of incompetence. They have won nothing but praise since for their work, particularly for their response to the recent dam collapse in the Dolomites.

Public opinion may now have gathered enough impetus to impel the state to diagnose dangers and prevent unnecessary disasters.

In a parliamentary discussion of the collapse of the dam and the loss of some 200 lives, a deputy from the independent left, Mr Giorgio Nebbia, caught the public mood when he said that no one knew how many time bombs were ticking away in Italian soil.

Mr Giuseppe Zamberletti, who won a high reputation for organising emergency services before his appointment as Civil Protection Minister, told Parliament that regional and provincial authorities had been told by the Government in February of measures to avoid dangers from dams and installations in mountain valleys. this initiative had not, however, produced concrete results because the system of prevention had not been fully worked out.

By European and even world standards, Italy is dangerous territory, and the civil protection ministry has had a busy time. In the last few years it has responded to a serious eruption of Mount Etna in Sicily, landslides in the north, and sweeping summer fires in Sardinia.

In the Stava Valley two basins used for washing fluorite were perched high up the valley. Holidaymakers relaxing in their hotels or rented villas down below probably did not know they existed. For the local people the basins were out of sight and out of mind or a source of employment or a reason for mild concern.

Professor Floriano Villa, president of the National Association of Italian Geologists, spelled out the dangers in an interview in the magazine L'Espresso.

The disaster was largely foreseeable, he said. If you knew the geological and hydrological factors, you could understand that mining operations high up the valley should not coexist with tourist installations lower down without adequate checking. The area could have been the subject of precise study and effective safety measures.

In Italy between 1900 and 1975, five deaths per 1,000 were attributable to natural disasters compared with one per 1,000 worldwide, the professor said.

The civil protection organisation was nothing but an emergency system because it did not assume any responsibilities for prevention or inspection.

He thought that Italy was so committed to speculative land use that many people did not really want to acknowledge the objective facts of geology.

According to reports of the judicial inquiry, the dam at Stava had not been inspected by the provincial authorities since October, 1984, although checks should have been made every three months. There is also evidence that responsibility for checking the safety of the dam may have been lost in a no man's land between the industry and mines department and the forestry department.

Perhaps the three inquiries into the disaster — one by the national government, one by the provincial authorities, and one by the magistracy — will discover the reasons for an event which, as many Itlians have said, was not a natural disaster but the result of human error.

Bonn issues list of danger wines

From Anna Tomforde
in Bonn

The Bonn Health Ministry yesterday issued a new list bringing to more than 250 the Austrian wines found to be contaminated with the anti-freeze additive diethylene-glycol and revealed that the toxic chemical had also been added to two German wines.

It said that 0.2 grammes per litre of the chemical were found in two 1983 vintages from the Rheinhessen region, around Frankfurt, adding that daily consumption of the wines in question could pose health problems.

The announcement follows large scale tests launched throughout West Germany after the discovery two weeks ago that diethylene-glycol was added to Austrian wines to enhance their sweetness and alcohol content. The scandal has led to a standstill in Austrian wine imports and brought official warnings against their consumption.

The bottlers insisted yesterday that the two German wines had not been mixed with Austrian wines, though the importer concerned was involved in buying wines from Austria.

The discovery of diethylene-glycol in German wines made in Mainz has also brought the first legal investigation against "unknown persons" for fraud and breach of wine standards.

In Austria, four wine dealers have been arrested on suspicion of exporting contaminated wines and more than 30 merchants are being investigated.

While the Austrian Government has launched an advertising campaign in West German newspapers aimed at offsetting the damage to the industry and redeeming the name of the majority of Austrian wine producers, the latest revelation in Bonn is likely to add to public anxiety.

The General Austrian Farmers' Union said it believed that a "wine mafia" was operating in Austria, doctoring vintages to improve the quality and profits with the backing of politicians.

Reuter adds from Vienna: Government officials were yesterday drawing up a blacklist of Austrian wines. A Health Ministry official said that the blacklist was expected to be sent to the governments of Austria's nine provinces today.

The provincial authorities, responsible for health issues, will be asked to distribute the list immediately and warn the public against drinking the wines, he said.

He said that wine from 38 firms in the provinces of Burgenland, Lower Austria, Styria, the Tyrol, and Vienna would appear on the list. Officials could not say how many wines would be named.

Old Coke back on stream

Atlanta: Bottling plants began producing Coca-Cola Classic yesterday, and company officials said the Coke's original formula should be on store shelves next week.

Coca-Cola officials announced on July 10 that public outcry had forced them to bring back their old formula 11 weeks after introducing the "new taste of Coke."

The old formula, which company officials said was basically unchanged for 99 years, is to be sold as Coca-Cola Classic, alongside the new Coke. Although the content of the formula is a secret, consumers say that the new Coke is sweeter.

Mr Rob Martin, a spokesman at Coca-Cola headquarters in Atlanta, said he expected the first packages bearing the new label and the old formula to be on store shelves next week. — AP.

Spanish army officers accused of staging mock executions

From Edward Owen
in Madrid

TWO army officers have been accused of staging the mock execution of villagers during an exercise in a remote village in northern Spain.

Capt Carlos Aleman and Lt Jaime Iniguez face suspension from duty and respectively eight and seven months in prison for terrorising the hamlet of Abena, near Jaca, in the foothills of the Pyrenees a year ago.

Absent from the court martial yesterday in Zaragoza are the victims themselves who are reportedly too terrified to testify. One of the officers involved is related to another connected with the 1979 Operation Galaxia coup plot in Madrid. The villagers have said the incident was a deliberate re-enactment of the Spanish Civil War 50 years ago.

Early last summer eight soldiers from the Special Operations Group are said to have entered the village during a counter-insurgency exercise. They rounded up all the villagers in a house-to-house search, and escorted them to the main square.

There, Lt Iniguez read out a prepared proclamation and accused the mayor, Jose Galindo, aged 62, and a neighbour, Generosa Ara, of "collaborating with the enemy."

It was alleged that they were stood against a wall and a firing squad lined up after the officer had decreed the death penalty.

Women screamed but the soldiers continued with the charade and fired blanks at the two men.

Defence lawyers told reporters that the mayor knew that it was a mock execution.

Later, the two officers tried to hush up the incident and told the villagers not to say anything.

A radio reporter heard about the mock firing, and interviewed the people of Abena. When he returned to his studio in nearby Jaca, the centre of many army exercises, he found that it had been broken into and equipment destroyed.

Contadora calls for new talks with US

From Tony Jenkins
in Managua

Four Latin American foreign ministers have launched a final effort to complete Central American peace negotiations. At the same time they called on the US to resume bilateral talks with Nicaragua.

In a communique released at the end of a two-day meeting of the Contadora group — made up of Colombia, Mexico, Panama, and Venezuela — the ministers said they had "managed to unblock the negotiating process of the Peace and Cooperation Pact in its final chapter which is security in the region." They hope this will soon lead to the "immediate signing" of the document.

The communique describes the regional situation as "dangerous" and says that a new plan of action "will strengthen diplomatic moves to face the worsening of the Central American crisis."

The four ministers will shortly visit all five Central American countries to convince them of the "urgent necessity" of reaching an agreement and to assess the remaining observations on the draft treaty.

However, the ministers want their efforts backed by a resumption of the bilateral talks between Nicaragua and the US, which were broken off by Washington in November 1984.

It is the first time Contadora has made public its appeal to the US, implicitly criticising the Reagan Administration, which has ignored repeated Nicaraguan efforts to resume negotiations.

Sandinista officials believe the language of the communique is a vindication of their argument that Nicaragua's neighbours have been stalling the negotiations.

Brazil will not allow debt to create recession

From Juan de Onis
in Rio de Janeiro

President Jose Sarney has said in a nationally televised address that his government will not allow the "dogmatic intransigence" of international financial agencies to "impose a recessionary situation" on Brazil's economy.

President Sarney said that Brazil, the world's largest debtor, would honour its obligations of more than $100 billion to foreign banks and credit agencies and would try to avert an impasse in current negotiations on debt refinancing with the International Monetary Fund.

He said that Brazil, as a mature country with a role in world trade, is not going to follow the urgings of President Fidel Castro of Cuba, who is calling on Third World debtors to repudiate their obligations.

"The debt must not be made into an instrument for ideological warfare, or for a confrontation between East and West," President Sarney said.

But he was critical of "international agencies" that want Brazil to cut back on public deficits and eliminate consumer subsidies in pursuit of reduced inflation, which raised prices here by 234 per cent in the 12 months before President Sarney took office in March.

The refinancing of about $45 billion of foreign debt falling due by 1991 is the central problem facing the Sarney government.

The key to those negotiations is the International Monetary Fund, which suspended negotiations with the previous military government on a stand-by agreement because of serious violations of targets for control of the money supply, public deficits, and internal credit. — Los Angeles Times.

Kekkonen housebound

Helsinki: The former Finnish president, Urho Kekkonen, is not well enough to take part in the celebrations of the tenth anniversary next week of the Helsinki accords on European security later this month.

In a statement to the Finnish news agency, Mr Matti Kekkonen said that his father, aged 84, one of the main architects of the Helsinki accords and host of the original 1975 conference, was suffering from a chronic loss of memory.

Mr Kekkonen was forced to resign in October, 1981, because of atherosclerosis.

The statement said that Mr Kekkonen was living in almost total seclusion solely because of the advanced nature of his illness. — Reuter.

Commando squad cracks down on California pot farmers

From Christopher Reed
in Garberville, California

THE camp's stars and stripes snaps in the wind from the rotor blades as weary men in camouflaged uniforms jump from the helicopters, sweating under flak jackets in 100-degree heat.

They park their guns and commando knives, and trudge off to big khaki "chow" tents as the flames crackle in a perimeter crater.

It is the end of another day's "search and destroy" raid in the remote, densely-forested hills of what command headquarters has codenamed the "emerald triangle' in north-east California. Despite the obvious comparisons with military techniques in Vietnam over a decade ago, this paramilitary operation is against civilian growers of cannabis.

They used to call it the "happy harvest," but that was a decade ago when the hippies went "back to the soil" to farm their favourite plant. Many chose the three northern counties of California, an area new the target of the largest task force in the US: Camp (or Campaign Against Marijuana Planting).

The region has become a battle ground. The hippies have been mostly replaced by commercial growers, a motley community of unemployed loggers, local farmers and businessmen, city professionals seeking an instant fortune, and a few career criminals. All seem to be armed against marauding bands of "patch pirates" seeking to steal the hidden harvest of California, the vegetable garden of America.

Cannabis is now the state's biggest single cash crop; an estimated $2,500 million last year. This is still only about one fifth of the total US production, grown in a zone running from Oregon down to Georgia, and up to Connecticut.

But the densest concentration is the "Emerald Triangle" on the California coast with the formerly poor but now prosperous town of Garberville (pop 1,350) at the centre. Once there were 14 lumber mills here. There are only two now, but business booms. A bank, two motels, and 13 horticulture supply shops have opened and thrive, and the travel agent arranged 450 world trips last year.

At harvest time in October men in soiled working clothes buy drinks with $100 notes in the bar where stern notices forbid cameras. Nobody, of course, has any doubt where such money comes from, and Camp's 120 men are resented by the locals. A motel owner who rented them rooms was threatened and staff have been insulted.

Camp's $2.6 million budget goes mainly on hiring the five—soon to be seven—helicopters and running the command post at an open prison eight miles out of town. Here the atmosphere is unmistakably military.

"There's no way to cope with a mission like this without using military technique," says Mike Mollica, a lean and moustachioed state narcotics special agent. He was a marines battalion chief scout in Vietnam and, with his camouflaged field hat, dagger, automatic pistol, and AR-15 (the civilian version of the US army's M-16) looks as if he is still there.

Facing an elusive armed adversary with intimate knowledge of difficult terrain, he may well feel a sense of deja vu.

No serious shooting has been directed at Camp patrols this season so far, but teams have been told at a week-long "survival course" to be on guard. The five teams of 15 men each from various police and sheriff's forces, were also instructed about booby traps.

These also owe their origins to Vietnam and include "punji sticks"—sharpened staves in pits, shotgun shells automatically fired at knee-height, branches festooned with fish-hooks, steel nooses, exploding ping-pong balls and even grenades, set off by thin, concealed trip wires around the plots.

The helicopter pilots have to watch for wires strung at tree height. "They are like we saw in Vietnam," said Mike Gray, a former gunship pilot with the US Tenth Cavalry who was shot down twice in Indo-China. "At least these aren't attached to mines — or I hope they're not. But the wires can still bring you down."

Camp teams are flown into a "strike zone" pinpointed earlier by spotter planes looking for the pot plants' emerald green, contrasting with the more sombre indigenous vegetation.

The patrol surround the plot, arrest anyone there, and then cut down the plants, now only about 5ft tall but later to grow to 15ft. These are stacked in slings under the helicopters, then dumped by the choppers into a huge pit dug at the edge of the camp and burned. The fire may burn for three or more months and in the first week 4,800 plants worth $9 million have gone up in heady smoke.

It was President Nixon who unwittingly created the California crop, now regarded as the world's finest pot. He persuaded the Mexicans to spray their cannabis with paraquat, a toxin.

This loss led to the development of California's "sinsemilla" (Spanish for seedless) variety. American ingenuity discovered that if one uproots the male plant, the female puts out richer and larger buds in a vain attempt at fertilisation.

It is the part of the plant which is now favoured by the 30 million Americans who smoke cannabis. Another 200,000 are said to make their living from the drug.

The lobby to legalise it has diminished from its peak in the seventies, partly because of the sinsemilla boom and the rising prices — now $2 -$,000 a lb. It is not surprising that growers ceased to demand legalisation with this kind of money beckoning.

More certain prison sentences and confiscation of property and possessions, as well as camp operations, seem likely only to dent the crop size.

There is too much at stake in a business which, although illegal, even has a trade journal, Sinsemilla Tips.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Lee looks to the future

SINGAPORE'S cabinet has decided to give executive powers to the President, the Prime Minister, Mr Lee Kuan Yew, said yesterday.

Mr Lee told parliament that the constitutional changes were aimed at giving the President veto powers over the use of foreign reserves estimated at more than S$23 billion (£7.5 billion).

Mr Lee, who has indicated that he may become president, said the move would safeguard the island's reserves from being "squandered" by any future elected government. At present, the presidency has only ceremonial functions.—Reuter.

Girl's suicide

IN MILAN an 11-year-old girl killed herself by jumping out of the window of a fifth floor flat yesterday, four months after her adoptive mother committed suicide in exactly the same way. Relatives said Teresa Fedi Dall'asen was heartbroken at the death of the woman she called her "blonde mother," who had adopted her from a children's home in La Paz, Bolivia, five years ago. The mother, journalist Liliana Dall'asen, killed herself in March. — AP.

Border wall

MALAYSIA plans to build a barricade — concrete walls in some areas and barbed-wire fences in others — along the 375-mile Thai-Malaysian border, the Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister, Mr Musa Hitam, told parliament in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. The wall is mainly to keep out Communist guerrillas and prevent the smuggling of drugs and firearms into Malaysia. — AP.

Aids ban

AUSTRALIA'S two main domestic airlines said yesterday that they had placed an interim ban on passengers known to be suffering from aids. Trans Australia Airlines and Ansett Airlines said they were holding talks with aviation unions to formulate a policy on victims of Aids. They declined to elaborate on how Aids carriers could be identified if the airlines had not been officially notified by authorities.—Reuter.

Students return

FOUR Bangladesh universities reopened yesterday after being closed since March when President Hossain Mohammed Ershad reimposed martial law, banned political activity and dissolved student unions. Teachers at Dhaka University said most of the 15,000 students turned up for classes. Chittagong, Rajshahi and the Agriculture University also reopened. — Reuter.

Seven killed

AT LEAST seven people were reported killed in clashes yesterday as inter-faith violence spread to Saharanpur, 90 miles north-east of New Delhi, after an outbreak of sectarian fighting, the United News of India reported. Five were killed in Saharanpur and two in street battles in Ahmedabad.—AP.

Jaruzelski trip

THE Polish leader, General Jaruzelski, will attend the UN General Assembly session in New York this autumn, it was announced in Warsaw. It will be General Jaruzelski's first trip to the West since he was named Prime Minister and Communist Party First Secretary in 1981. — AP.

Trunk call

A HUNGRY elephant which escaped from a visiting circus knocked at a Hamburg bakery door with its trunk at dawn yesterday and was given fresh bread rolls, police said. The elephant's owner described it as "harmless but hungry."—Reuter.

Royal visit

KING Juan Carlos of Spain (below) and Queen Sofia will pay a state visit to Britain in the first half of next year, the Foreign Ministry in Madrid announced yesterday. It said they would be guests of the Queen at Windsor Castle.—Reuter.



'The characters leap off the page, a witty procession of failed feminists and weary wives expertly observed by a jaundiced but forgiving eye.' Liz Lochhead's first play was given a critical mauling in the Guardian. She has since made a complete recovery, written more theatre pieces and poetry and published, by popular demand, her closely observed monologues. Ruth Wishart reports

Tales from a tartan duvet

THE drama critic from the Guardian clearly felt that honesty was the only defensible policy: "Liz Lochhead, for all her evident intelligence which she will try to wear on her sleeve, has no idea of dialogue, less of plot, and less still of what constitutes drama," the man from the Birmingham Post said he'd rather, on balance, have been at the dentist.

The author, clutching the collected reviews of her first play Blood and Ice, "went to bed, pulled the duvet over the head, faced the wall and every time I woke up tried to remember why I had a broken heart. Then I remembered it was because I couldn't write after all."

That was five years ago and Liz Lochhead would like you to know that Methuen have just published her seventh rewrite of the drama in question and she thinks she may, by now, have at least got the first act right.

Meanwhile, back under the duvet, the period of mourning lasted three weeks or so after which she had a serious chat to herself about her future. "I thought, well they've got a point. It wasn't really very good. Maybe I should have been at the dentist as well. But it doesn't mean this is how it has to be for the rest of my life. So within three months I'd written True Confessions and in performing that I got rid of some of the ghosts."

True Confessions and New Cliches, just published by Polygon — (£3.95), represents what for many of her fans is the essential Liz Lochhead, the book features the series of monologues she performs on stage in the style of a sort of tartan Victorian wood.

Her characters come from her adopted home in Glasgow — the upwardly mobile Verena with a husband on the oilrigs and a full day having her legs waxed and her hair bobbed in time for Dynasty and a surreptitious date with the Bacardi bottle; the devoutly hypocritical Mrs Abernethy, lady of the Manse, shell-shocked at the notion of her Gillian bringing home a Catholic for Christmas.

It's a book for once deserving the traditional publisher's hype of "by public demand," since most of the contents were originally used as light relief at the end of more serious and substantial poetry readings. But invariably the audience would come and ask to know where they could get a copy. "I got pretty tired writing them all out again on scraps of paper, so I agreed to put them in the new book although they were meant to be spoken rather than read."

The characters leap off the page — a witty procession of failed feminist and weary wives expertly observed by *the jaundiced but forgiving* eye of a 37-year-old author, poet and playwright who mugs her audience so amusingly they don't notice the bruising until at least the foyer.

The daughter of two white collar hopes from blue collar backgrounds, she was brought up in Lanarkshire next to the now threatened Ravenscraig steelworks. Eight years as an art teacher followed college, until selection as the first holder of a Scottish-Canadian writers' exchange fellowship gave her the escape route to full-time writing.

There followed more volumes of serious poetry, more plays — all of them spared critical laceration as her increasing skill and maturity was matched by an enthusiastic following.

But True Confessions and New Cliches underscores her talent as a humorist, sending up the female condition in a way that demonstrates her belief that not only are we all sisters under the skin but that we screw up in remarkably similar fashion. "This book has a lot more laughing at women's ambivalence, though I'm not so much laughing at women as at the bits of them I recognise from having done it myself. I don't really think a man would ever be as irreverent about women or take the piss out of them in the same way. It might not have been forgiveable for a man. I'm not sure you could use the same humour against men either. As one of my voices says: 'Everybody knows if you laugh at a man in that way he'll wilt, won't he?'"

Her "voices" supply most of the monologue material. They invade her head after she hears an offbeat line on a bus or in a pub and from that free gift she weaves her all too probable fantasies. She rejects the term feminist-writer — "at least in that hyphenated fashion since you might as well call me a wee fat brown-haired writer or a 37-year-old writer. I don't see why people should focus on just one aspect of my work. But of course I am a feminist and as such perhaps I take *greater care of the female* characters in my plays and don't shortchange them."

Her feminism comes through too in some of the raps she performs live like her scarcely conceded contempt for Page Three dollies.

We provide the anaesthetic sex,
To numb your mind,
For the daily bump and grind.
We grease the wheels of commerce,
Lubricate machinery.
Captains of industry know ogling at me.
Is better for the workforce than bromide in their tea,
And they're laughing all the way to the bank.

She wrote that seven years ago and is vaguely depressed to find it still relevant. "And the women involved who collaborate with the men think they're winning because they might be making a few bob out of it. But however you look at it, they're just getting shafted."

Much of Liz Lochhead's work analyses the way women juggle the conflicts imposed by love and work though it's not an area she's necessarily resolved herself.

After what she sheepishly refers to as "three real deep and meaningfuls" in her life, she's lived alone for the last four years ". . . with only really the odd flirtation. But then if you get to 37 I think you begin to realise that deep down secretly that's the way you must want it."

The men friends in her life and 20 years as a professional observer have convinced her that the notion of all men standing around most evenings earnestly swapping details of their bedroom olympics is probably a product of feminist mythology.

"I don't think most behave that way at all, not about women who matter to them anyway. But they'd be horrified about how nitty gritty the conversation among women can get. Not that I wholly approve of that, but it can be terrifically funny. I'm sure men would be appalled at just how intimate are the beans they spill. I think it would scare them to death and rightly."

From the high of her publishing parties ("Lots of adrenalin and free gin.") Liz goes off for a month in America and then back to Glasgow, the city she uses as a perennial security blanket.

"Not only have I lived there for 20 years with a few gaps, but even in the same part of it. The flat I've got now is actually across the landing from the one I used to share as a student. But it's a lively city, I've a lot of friends there and I wouldn't care to live in London."

She'll be able to have an unbroken year back in the Glaswegian womb next year since she's just been appointed writer in residence at Edinburgh University. A highly convenient coincidence since she's also been hired to translate Moliere's Tartuffe into Scots for the Edinburgh Lyceum, and is working on a TV play for the BBC. TV is the most exciting new toy, thrilling her with its possibilities.

"When I've written for TV before I don't think I've written visually enough. I love writing dialogue and sometimes it's been far too 'yap, yap yap.' This will be sparer. I'm learning to use silence. And to convey information with the kind of tight shot on a single face which you can't use in the theatre."

The play is called Damages, set in early 19th century Edinburgh, and is "about men and women and their mutually exclusive worlds." Plus ca change, as Mrs Abernethy would certainly have said.



Liz Lochhead: "I got rid of some of the ghosts . . ." Picture by Rod McLeod

A fly fisherman does not kill fish. Once you kill it it's gone. We cannot afford to kill the river



AMERICAN DIARY

Linda Blandford

AT DUSK, as the air grows cooler after the hot summer mountain day, the town picks itself up busily. There are concerts in the tent, Strawberry Daiquiris in Little Annie's and the sanitation department's softball team — the Sludge Sluggers — take on all comers in a binge of home runs and iced beer on the Peach Tree diamond.

Meanwhile, a steady stream of cars will be turning down Cemetery Lane to draw up near Slaughterhouse Bridge. There, where the midges, stoneflies, mayflies, and candis flies dance over the swirling surface of the Roaring Fork River, the fishermen gaze at twilight's true sport.

From the back of cars emerge all the paraphernalia of the devotee: line, leaders, flies, huge and heavy chest waders, the newest rod and, above all, the sweat-stained, water-splashed fishing vest, veteran of a thousand such evenings. In this jacket, full of deep pockets, the fisherman's treasure will be buried and secreted: fly boxes, pocket knife, pipe cleaners, aspirin, whistle, flashlight, bandaids, magnifying glass, pencil and pad, emergency chocolate bars. To each his own.

The preparation for the sport is a ritual, privately and carefully engaged. None of the hail-fellow-well-met camaraderie here — only the concentration of the hours to come and the great rushing of the river over boulders cast down from the glacial rock above, over trees upturned and fallen into the cruel mountain waters' path.

Newcomers — day trippers and passing tourists — set off along the river bank, guarding themselves safely in the path of the old railroad bed. The old-timers, the real Colorado anglers, climb down into the icy waters of the Roaring Fork and set off downstream. Not for them the dainty hours by the river, watching and waiting for the trout to bite. Here, in this turbulent water, it is they who seek out the opponent. Here it is man against fish — the hunt is on.

This river is a mean beast; not a weekend passes that the local radio station, KSNO (K-Snow, of course) does not have news of yet another body finally recovered, of yet another search abandoned. Only the caniest and wildest trout have survived here above 9,000 feet, daring the freezing winter and headlong spring. They have bred the toughest trout — the "cut-throats" — for stocking in these high, harsh rivers.

Over on Maroon Lake or up at the Reudi Dam, it is different. Thousands of trout are dumped there willy-nilly into the waters for the tourist trade, and "meat-hunter" who tally their sport in fish for supper. They call those fish "put-and-take" they would not last anyway.

The trout of these river reaches are different: they are bred to survive. This is tough fishing — the greatest fly-fishing in the world, if you are to believe those who seek it out.



Georges Odier: French passion

"Ah England — we all idolise English fishing because it is the source and the roots of all fly fishing. To fish the Test — this is a pilgrimage, whether or not you catch fish has nothing to do with it. But, compared with America, fishing in England is antiquated," Georges Odier twitches his bushy moustache with true Gallic embarrassment, and thus is the home truth delivered.

Sometimes, on the Roaring Fork or down on the Frying Pan, a whiff of rich tobacco smoke carries across on the keen wind and announces the presence of Georges Odier. It is unmistakable — he is the only pipe smoker left in Aspen? Probably. He is the angler and author who owns Fothergill's, Aspen's panelled and tradition-bound tackle store, where a framed letter from Jimmy Carter still has pride of place opposite the noticeboard carrying the season's records — 21½ inches taken in the Frying Pan the other day.

Odier, born in Marseilles in 1931, and an engineer by training, has that particular brand of opaque and adventuring background shared by so many of Aspen's real characters. He hints at Burgundian aristocracy, at secret missions abroad, at mountains tamed and families reconciled — whatever the finer details of it all, he brings to Aspen's fishing all the rich, embroidered tapestry that is his very French passion for it.

Odier is enjoying being something of a celebrity at the moment. His book Swimming Flies — A Revolutionary Approach to Successful Fly Fishing was published last year by the little-known Stone Wall Press of Washington. His publisher, however, advertises it generously in Trout Magazine and the Fly Fisherman and devotees are now well-informed about George's new system of mid-water fishing, about his discovery of the swimming powers of the female caddis fly and, possibly, of the male caddis fly too.

He works with acquatic biologists to refine his discoveries, to leave not a chink of mystery to the hounded trout and his insect lures. It is indeed a long way from the Sunday afternoon on the gentle river bank, the respectful word of the gilly, the tweed jacket, the scones for tea or even the bag of chips by the bait box.

Certainly, this world of graphite rods, of newer and yet newer equipment, of metal cleats and waders, of fishing the bottom and now of combing the mid-water — is a long, long way from the Meruge river near Barret-les-Bas where, in the summer of 1941, the French fell back and a small boy with his cane pole came to love the peace and challenge of fishing.

One summer not long ago, Georges Odier and a friend tallied the trout they caught from the rivers near Aspen — they caught over 5,500. Caught — and released. "A fly fisherman," he says firmly, "does not kill fish. Period. Every better fisherman in America now fishes with the barbless hook in order to release the fish unharmed. Once you kill it — it's gone. We cannot afford any more to kill the river.

"In England and France, you still kill everything you catch but Europe is in the Dark Ages when it comes to understanding wild-life management. One thing dominates fly fishing in America and that is something I think we have lost in Europe — sportsmanship.

"Would I go back? There's a strong chance I'll go over there to die. But I would never again be contented fishing on those little streams in England or France — not after you have experienced American fishing in the Western States. The open water, the untouched fishing, the immense loneliness, the tremendous freedom of these rivers. . . ."

Fishermen, the same the world over — the poets of the outdoors.

BABY

By Michael Heath



IT BEGAN on the afternoon of the day he died. The many earlier months of illness - plus - mobility had given way to a final five weeks of total dependence, to the pain, the indignity, the wretched smell of incontinence, to fugitive, drugged intelligence, and to the ultimate drift into unconsciousness, and death.

The Co-op undertakers came with fat pallor, whispering, unctuous, unbearably discreet, and took away his body with its long, tapering, atavistic hands, once lively with Czerny arpeggios and arrangements of Little Angeline; the eyes opaque, finished, that had been so bold and merry — large, long-lashed eyes, handsome, full of wit and charm; and a profile like Nefertite.

What made subsequent events so surprising was the fact that he had so often told me that he loved me — right up to the last few days before he died. On the afternoon of the day he died I went, with my small family, to the bank for his will with its instructions on how he wanted his body disposed of, whether by burial or cremation. Obtaining it, we went to a restaurant for a cup of tea — an impossible dalliance during the last eighteen months. No need for haste. The freedom, definite, absolute, was stunning.

While I noted this new state, too tired from sleepless nights and fraught days to explore its possibilities, my son, sipping his tea, read at the end of the will that my husband wished to be cremated. Then, quite idly, and with only mild curiosity, he read the will itself. My grandaughters crackled and squabbled over their drinks. My daughter and I sat silent, looking inward with sadness. Then my son, with an incredulous laugh, handed me the will. "I don't believe it," he said.

When finally I was able to concentrate on its meaning, I saw that our home and its contents were to be sold; that the proceeds, together with all shares and cash, were to be divided among an Institute (of which he was a respected Fellow); a local branch of Help the Aged; and my daughter and son jointly. His car, only 10 months old, which I had persuaded him to buy to cheer him up when he was first told of the nature of his illness, was to be sold. The interest from the proceeds of the sale of the car was all that was left to me to live on. There were also some shares in a small firm that he had been involved with left to me for life. Alas — the firm immediately went into liquidation. So, there I was, with no home to live in, and just £60 a week, the sum of two pensions, to live on; and no other money or property of my own.

Strangely, I felt nothing. Neither surprise nor anger, not then nor later. Only puzzlement. And that is what I still feel, 12 months later. Had he been angry? If so, why not a comment in the will to say why? Or was it just a question of "Dear wife, you have worked for me all these years, now go out and work for yourself"? Or was the will, made a month after learning that he had lung cancer, a product of his drugged mind? I shall never know, as even his diaries reveal nothing. If it was indeed anger, then what was it about? Since I do not know, then this unhappy gesture was wasted.

So, with the prospect of no home, and very little money, what was I to do? It is a strange fact that the solicitor who had drawn up my husband's will for him had assumed, he said, that I had private means, since he had noted that very little had been left to me; he was therefore astonished to discover from me that this was not so.

My daughter and son immediately renounced their claims.

Preliminary discussions with the two other beneficiaries established that I would be "allowed" to live in my own home until the end of my life, when everything would be sold and the proceeds given to strangers, with only a sixth each going to our children.

> Here, among my own things, I was to be permitted to remain, not as of right, but as an act of grace and favour

It was the offensive magnanimity of this arrangement which made me see what had to be done. I thought of the contents of the house, piece by piece, and found that 90 per cent of it I had bought with my own money — not housekeeping money, which had always been pretty meagre, but money earned by me outside our home. Things like the carved oak settle, the Elizabethan court cupboard, the Chinese bergere suite, the refectory table from a Franciscan monastery, all bought years before, for next to nothing by today's values, but now worth hundreds, if not thousands, of pounds. The house itself was not well-maintained structurally, but had been looked after by me through all the years with loving care. Here, among my own things, I was to be "permitted" to remain, not as of right, but as an act of grace and favour.

The stripping of walls and the painting of ceilings, the dangerous, — in our house — cleaning of windows, the polishing of floors, the care, with all that that small word implies, of family, with love: the endless, tedious shopping for food, the cooking of it and the washing-up after it — all wiped out for me with seemingly savage contempt. And the product of these labours handed over to strangers, who neither knew nor cared about any of it. So I opposed the will.

To do this I had to appoint *another solicitor, while* retaining the one appointed by my husband. When my solicitor had read the will he threw it down on his desk and asked aggressively: "What did you do to deserve such a will?" I was shocked and hurt, but realised that this was going to be the reaction of everyone who came to hear about it. In vain I would have to protest that I did not deserve it, that I did not understand why he had made it. So far, only the people concerned knew about it, and I resolved that it would remain that way.

My solicitor was, in fact, a very helpful man, and, save for that initial straightener, very courteous and kind. There followed letters and phone calls to beneficiaries on my behalf; then splendid sounding documents like "Deeds of Renunciation" and "Deeds of Arrangement and Variation" were sent out and travelled around interminably for signatures and legal seals. In all this, agreement was reached that the house would become mine(!), as would everything else (! again).

Two beneficiaries agreed to accept £1,000 each instead of a third each of the estate. One thousand pounds was bequeathed to the PDSA and that stood. My solicitor's fee was £1,000. The fee of my husband's solicitor I do not yet know. My husband's car, bought for nearly £4,000 less than a year previously, did not realise more than £2,000 — not enough to buy another car. As a cheap-to-run car was now essential, I had to borrow £2,000 from my son to buy one, so this another call on what is left, though my son urges me not to return it.

When all these deeds had finished circulating, my solicitor wrote that his part was now concluded (nine months had passed) and the relevant documents were sent to my husband's solicitor and the will eventually went to probate.

This was, at the time of writing, two months ago, and my husband's solicitor is still involved in matters relating to the will. It seems that it will have been a whole year before my future is finally settled.

In the process about £6,000 will have been used to "vary" the will. More important, to me at least, is the fact that my husband made such a will, and that I don't know why. Maybe the reason is obvious, and I am too thick to see it, but I feel that I helped him all through his life with unstinting loyalty. Yet I find myself, at 66, having not only to contend with grief and loneliness, but to engage in a very shaming scramble to get back all that, indirectly, I helped him to earn. I wish that I had not needed to.

FIRST PERSON

Will power

Sheila Evans

First Person is a new series of articles describing personal experiences.

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Hugh Hebert reviews Case on Camera and An Element of Regret

The legal ankle

ONE hump or two? No, this was a perfectly serious inquiry by the ex-judge Alan King-Hamilton who, if he hadn't hung up his wig, would be in line for the biggest pay rise of his life. Instead, he is in line for another series of Case On Camera (C4), empowered to award up to £500 to plaintiffs willing to settle their claims on television and in 30 minutes.

He was arbitrating in Housley v. Gandey's Circus. Mrs Doreen Housley took her seven-year-old nephew Ryan to the circus for a treat and was bitten by a camel called Yuri. I ask you to dismiss from your minds all prejudice attaching to the name, since there was clearly no political motive. Yuri was moved by the simplest human drive, hunger. Or possibly fear.

True, Mrs Housley did not look very intimidating and would probably not miss a pound of flesh any more than I would. But it was thoughtless of Yuri to try and take it from her ankle. She still suffers pain and swelling. And the fact that Ryan couldn't remember if it was the camel with one hump or two that bit didn't stop the learned judge giving the lady her money. The circus man looked as though he thought it was all cheap at the price.

Camels, I suppose, still cross the desert somewhere, but the sheep are gone from the hills. An Element Of Regret (Central) was eloquent about how the Highlands have changed since the hydro-electric men flooded the valleys to make the power to bring the industry to replace the jobs the men lost when they flooded the valleys.

The great estates were broken up and sold piecemeal to a new breed of owner, the escaping businessman — charming, as one put it, to be able to leave your car six miles away and go to your holiday home by boat. Or the lands were inherited by a generation of owners who could no longer see it as their hobby. Where deer were wild and stalked, they are now tame and farmed.

Jim Manson and his director Edwin Mickleburgh found what every nostalgic programme like this most needs, a true and natural poet. Not, in this case, an unselfconscious one, for the Strathmore shepherd Iain Thomson knows and says that Highlanders are poetic. But he also knows how to use his words and a rich clear voice like a lyre.

But when he talks of the grey winds of winter, and the green winds of spring, of how the old life depended on subsistence and a low standard of living, you listen. "The wholesomeness had gone. That may be selfish. But for anyone who knew it as a working natural system, they could never come back and live here again... The hills were content, and so were we."



Wang Yusheng as Tao Sanchun in Three Beatings

Kenneth Rea reports on a chance to see the opera that survived a cultural revolution

Madame Mao takes a beating

SOMETHING has happened to the Peking Opera since it was last here six years ago. At the time, the actors were proclaiming a great revival: the traditional repertory was to be rebuilt. But last year in China they told me the form was already declining. Audiences, they complained, were flocking to telcvision and disco.

To those of us in the West who have marvelled at the glittering costumes, wildly painted faces and breathtaking acrobatics, such a trend must seem cruelly ironic. Peking Opera is, after all, one of the great treasures of world theatre. But in what sort of condition is it maintained?

Tonight at the Royal Court we can judge for ourselves when, thanks to the London International Festival of Theatre, the Peking Opera returns. Though this time it is with a difference.

The Three Beatings of Tao Sanchun has all the appearance of a traditional opera, but it was in fact written in 1962 by the poet and playwright, Wu Zuguang. After the first dress rehearsal it was shelved for political reasons and revived, with great success, only a few years ago. That one of China's best modern writers can be attracted to such a convention-bound form is a hopeful sign, for it means that the Peking Opera can renew itself in a rapidly changing society without losing the aesthetic qualities that have made it so popular for 200 years. When Madame Mao briefly tried to alter both the aesthetics and the content, by exchanging spears for rifles and embroidered silk for military khaki, the results were artistically disastrous.

Wu Zuguang, now in his sixties, has long been a fan of Peking Opera. As a schoolboy he frequently played truant to watch matinees, and one year in his teens he was at the opera every single night.

But, as he explains, while Peking Opera may be marvellous, there is plenty of room for improvement. "The Three Beatings of Tao Sanchun began as a reworking of a much older opera. It was not a particularly good one. The plot wasn't clear, the characters weren't sharply defined and the rhythm was very slow and dull.

"But parts of the story were really rather good. So I tightened it all up. The sixteen scenes were condensed into six and above all I tried to use a language in the songs that was close to everyday life. The trouble with most Peking Operas is that they're either too literary and have an archaic language that nobody can understand, or they're too coarse."

Consequently, The Three Beatings is faster moving than most operas, and for a western audience, more accessible. What the Chinese love most about it is its provocative social comment and its feminist slant. Tao Sanchun is one of those self-reliant heroines who happens to be a martial arts expert. She meets her fiance by fighting with him over a water melon, and of course winning. Both are forced into an arranged marriage for the sake of peace, but the young man cannot bear the shame of marrying a woman who can beat him up any time she wants to.

When the man becomes a high court official years later, Tao Sanchun tracks him down (taking on a whole army in the process) and claims her husband. After yet another set-to in the court, she reminds him that, despite his rank, he was once a simple vagabond and that she is the stronger of the two.

"When I wrote this, I had in mind that in China's 2,000 years of feudalism, women have suffered most," explains Wu Zuguang. "They still suffer oppression from men. Also, when people are their natural selves they behave in one way, but when they become high officials, they tend to forget their origins. Chinese people today lack a feeling for democracy. It's still true that whoever has more status has more power, and whoever has more power has more power to oppress other people. In this play I wanted to satirize and attack those who use their position to oppress others."

The Three Beatings of Tao Sanchun made the reputation of the No. 4 Peking Opera Troupe which revived it, and this has encouraged others to turn out new traditional operas with contemporay relevance. But the case is exceptional. Despite the obvious charm and spectacle of Peking Opera, its characters are usually hopelessly remote.

Girls tend to be coy and squeaky, while young men, especially scholars, are wet, emotionally immature and incapable of courting a wife without the meddling of mothers and matchmakers.

Wu Zuguang feels that because the tradition is so rich anyway and the range of stories so vast, the future of Peking Opera looks hopeful. "There should be new plays on a traditional basis as well as old ones," he says. "Though we must keep raising the artistic standards. The No. 4 Troupe is a young company; it has no stars yet. But because the production was so well done it has always filled the seats with young people too. Good work will always find an audience."

Sparkle for old gems

Edward Greenfield reviews the new releases

TOO many reissues, complains one of my correspondents. It is very tempting, I agree, for big record companies with formidable back catalogues to fall back on tried favourites, instead of taking on new and expensive ventures.

For example, playing the game of ideal opera-casting, I know exactly which singers I would choose for Puccini's two most colourful heroines, Maria Callas for Tosca, Victoria de los Angeles for Butterfly. Now simultaneously their vintage recordings of those roles have both appeared with more than usual gain from being refurbished.

Wisely EMI has chosen to transfer to Compact Disc not Callas's later stereo version of Tosca, but her 1953 version made with La Scala forces under Victor de Sabata (one of his all-too-few ventures into the recording studio) and with Tito Gobbi equally outshining his later efforts as Scarpia. What might have been the snag was the exposure of an original mono recording to the extra precision of CD, but here far more than in most such transfers the breadth and body of the original sound is enhanced.

Where the orchestra in the Decca transfer of Mahler's Lied von der Erde conducted by Bruno Walter with Ferrier and Patzak as soloists sound disappointingly thin and edgy, the EMI transfer is full and satisfying, a tribute to Walter Legge as producer and taskmaster of engineers. For years he persisted in his idea that stereo was not really necessary for realism.

But the voices are what above all come out with extra vividness, not just the special timbre and edge of Callas's voice — never so gutsy as in Act 3 here telling of the murder of Scarpia — but the tang of Gobbi's baritone and the honeyed beauty of Giuseppe di Stefano's tenor, here at its sweetest.

Costing twice as much on CD as in its LP equivalent, that Tosca set might be counted an extravagance, but the new technology has been used on Victoria de los Angeles's 1959 recording of Butterfly to provide one of the outstanding bargains of the year. Classics for Pleasure, with individual discs still costing only £2.25 has managed to squeeze the six sides of the original on to four with no loss of sound quality, rather the opposite (CFPD 41 4446 3).

That two-disc folder is valuable not just for the vividness of the heroine's performance, full of charming detail, golden and sunny on act 1, darkening as tragedy overtakes her, but for the last opera recording that Jussi Bjoerling made, within months of his untimely death. His singing is astonishingly fresh and heady in tone, with immaculate diction, even if the characterisation makes this cad of a hero too amiable. Gabriele Santini draws warmly idiomatic playing and singing from Rome Opera House forces.

CFP's shrewdness in selecting its material from the EMI archives equally comes out in a delightful collection of recordings by Dame Janet Baker made between 1965 and 1973 (CFP 41 4487 1). Many favourites are here including Berlioz, Mahler and Elgar songs with Barbirolli conducting.

Concert dates

Prom of the week, Albert Hall, each evening 7.30. The darkly intense Symphony no. 8 of Shostakovich, arguably his greatest, is the main work of the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra's prom tonight conducted by Rudolf Barshai, a work they have just recorded. Yefim Bronfman is soloist in Beethoven's Piano Concerto no. 4. Tomorrow Sir John Pritchard conducts BBC forces in the wild and adventurous Symphony no. 4 of Charles Ives, coupled with a prom favourite The Planets by Holst. On Friday Pierre Boulez conducts his Ensemble InterContemporain in his own Eclat-Multiples and Berio's Coralc as well as two first performances, Elliott Carter's Penthode and York Höller's Resonance. Boulez gives a preparatory talk in the Victoria Room at 6.15.

On Saturday Erich Bergel conducts the BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra in a programme of Haydn, Mozart and Hindemith (Mathis der Maler Symphony) as well as a Welsh work, Daniel Jones's Dance Fantasy. Claudio Abbado conducts the European Community Youth Orchestra and massed choruses on Monday in Mahler's Resurrection Symphony (no. 2), while on Monday at 7 pm, Peter Eotvös conducts the BBC Singers and Symphony Orchestra in the first British performance of Steve Reich's Desert Music. Also works by Xenakis and Messiaen. The late night prom at St Luke's (10pm) has the Hilliard Ensemble singing early church music by Perotin and Machaut, while the Tuesday Prom has the Nash Ensemble playing Serenades by Strauss and Mozart plus Schoenberg's Pierrot Lunaire with Sarah Walker as soloist.

Other concerts

Paul Coker, Wigmore, Friday 7.30. This talented former pupil of the Menuhin School tackles a varied programme of sonatas by Tippett (no. 2) and Beethoven (no. 32) as well as Schuman's Kreisleriana and Memories of Childhood by Julius Isserlis.

Chilingirian Quartet/ Roberts, Wigmore, Saturday, 7.30. Bernard Roberts joins the Chilingirians in the Elgar Piano Quintet, his last major work. Also in the programme quartets by Mozart (K 428 in E flat) and Brahms (Op 51 no. 2).

Hickox/City of London Sinfonia/Barbican, Sunday 7.30. Fresh from conducting Alcina at Christchurch, Hickox gives the first performance in modern times of a Handel work long buried and now reconstructed, the Roman Vespers. The six soloists include Patrizia Kwella, Charles Brett and Stephen Roberts.

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Sessions

ROGER Sessions is one of the much revered American composers whose music gets heard far too little in this country. Last March he died at the age of 88 with a characteristically wry remark on his lips, "What a damn nuisance."

This belated first performance of his major choral work, "When Lilacs last in the Dooryard bloom'd," instead of the celebration originally planned for this American prom season, became a requiem for the composer himself.

Composers have in many generations tended to divide themselves into those who add notes to their original draft and those who subtract them. Sessions is very much a thick texture man, and though the overall concept for this setting of Walt Whitman's elegy on Lincoln's death had an attractive directness, the result was far too clotted to register effectively in this well-controlled but undynamic performance from Sir John Pritchard with the BBC Singers, Symphony Orchestra and Chorus.

So the consistently melodic writing given to the three soloists — Alison Hargan, Sarah Walker and David Wilson Johnson, all excellent — seemed all too little related to the murkily atonal sounds from the orchestra. Even the rare moments when Sessions allowed himself to illustrate a simple idea directly, as in the reference to battle in the third and longest of the three sections, were disappointing brief and lacking in colour.

After that, even an account of Mahler's First Symphony lacking in real bite seemed a marvel of freshness and clarity

BRISTOL

Ken Rowat

African sculptures

FEW OF those familiar with Josef Herman's painting will know that he is a notable collector of small-scale African sculpture. Over a period of 40 years he has amassed hundreds of pieces, mostly from the rich band of tribal art which stretches across west Africa from Senegal to Lake Tanganyika.

Most of the 50 items shown here are of carved wood and were probably made in the last 100 years (African woodwork doesn't survive for long unless collected — the termites see to that) and none measures more than a few inches. It's a marvellous collection in which every piece owes its existence to some functional requirement, from everyday utensils like spoons and catapults to the essential stock-in-trade of divining and witch doctoring.

Extraordinary stylisation is achieved in many instances, particularly in two Azande figures (22, 34), and in a doll (28) where a face is established with two strokes of the carver's adze. Nearest to pure sculpture and among the most interesting are the Bangwa figures where detail and surface decoration are abandoned in favour of simplified forms and expressive movement.

The angular treatment of a Ngbaka female figurine (23) might almost be the work of a cubist, and the sculptor's use of upholstery nails for eyes is the sort of improvisation which must have raised a gleam in Picasso's eye.

Herman, now 74, also shows some of his own recent sketches. They too are small and incisive; his seagulls seem trapped in the artist's characteristically murky pictorial space but the lively brushwork keeps them perky.

Miniature African Sculptures from the Herman collection, Bristol City Art Gallery until July 27, then to Swansea, Sheffield and Coventry.

ALMEIDA

Desmond Christy

The Cenci

SHELLEY dreamed that his drama of tyranny and incest would star Edmund Kean as the depraved Count Cenci and Eliza O'Neil as Beatrice, the daughter driven by her father's lust to parricide. Censorship meant that the Cenci (1819) had to wait until 1886 when the Shelley society put on a private performance in Islington. Now, almost a century later, The Cenci is back in Islington in an exciting production from the Bristol Old Vic Theatre Company. How, you wonder, could F. R. Leavis have thought such fine theatre "very bad indeed"?

What irked the Doctor so was that Shakespeare not Shelley was providing the inspiration for the Cenci. It's true that if your ears are as wickedly quick as Dr Leavis's you can hear Hamlet enter for a few lines, to be followed by Othello and, when murder's to be done, the Macbeths and a whole shiver of Jacobean dramatists. But surrender to the sensuousness of Shelley's verse and the dramatic sense that Shakespeare and company had educated and you can revel in the power of a 19th Century "Jacobean" Tragedy.



Leonie Nellinger: Almeida

Shelly was "easily disgusted by the bad filling up of inferior parts." Maybe that's why he wrote some rather lame parts in the Cenci and why some of the cast easily disgust us.

Others easily delight, and none more than Leonie Mellinger as Beatrice. One of the characters speaks of Beatrice's "subtle mind, her awe-inspiring gaze/Whose beams anatomize me nerve by nerve." Miss Mellinger's stare is indeed terrible. You are not surprised when the man she hired to murder her father withdraws his allegations when she turns those dark eyes and the rhetoric of a Portia on him.

Her part requires her to change from an innocent girl into a cold-blooded, mad and murderously intelligent woman who believes she is God's earthly minister and then to accept her death "wrapped in a strange cloud of crime and shame." This is a brave, accomplished and moving perfomance. Her delivery of lines that echo Shakespeare's great heroines — "Cruel, cold formal man; righteous in words. In deeds a Cain — would stir even the heart of a scholar.

There are a number of sound performances, notably William Hoyland as Count Cenci, and Alan Bennion as Cardinal Camillo, but this is one of those productions where the lighting, sound, design and direction make an enormous impact. John Elvery's design lighting plot conjures up a world as black as Count Cenci's soul.

The self-consciously theatrical lighting plot and the sound — a drum that beats like an amplified heart — bring menace to what might have seemed too traditional. Debbie Shewell, who directed, occasionally prefers her own effects to Shelley's but in general has trusted the power of the poetry to great effect.

LICHFIELD

Murdoch Lothian

Philip Sutton

"NEVER act with children or animals" is sound advice for most actors. "Never exhibit in fan-vaulted Gothic cathedrals" is possibly the equivalent for visual artists. Philip Sutton, however, has taken the warning as a challenge and has produced an exhibition of paintings which more than succeeds in surviving the competition. His work in the Chapterhouse of Lichfield Cathedral is bold and commanding.

In his energetic exhibition, part of the young and dynamic Lichfield Festival, Sutton shows oils, watercolours, prints and ceramics. His plates and prints are fun, but it is with straight painting that he excels. The watercolours are at their best when free and broad, as in a pair of Anglesey scenes; his fussier German landscapes lack the spontaneity which is his forte.

Sutton's work is about colour, life and, most of all involvement. He paints quickly and easily with such a confidence that when he does use a trick-of-the-trade — a splash of red or an irrelevant bird for balance — it seems totally unselfconscious.

With his delight in pure colour it would have been interesting to see Sutton tapestry or stained-glass, but perhaps this would have been taking the competition with the Chapterhouse too far.

Philip Sutton at The Charterhouse, Lichfield Cathedral until July 26.

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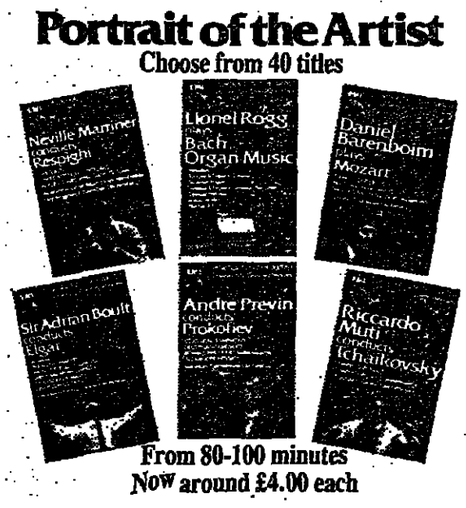
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The costliest five minutes in the world

Originally the Strategic Defence Initiative (Star Wars) was trailed as a system in which there would be four opportunities to overcome a Soviet missile attack: during the boost stage of the rocket, at two stages during flight, and finally as it homed in on its targets. Latterly almost all the argument has shifted to the boost stage of the rocket, and if it is not this which Mr Heseltine has been discussing during his visit to Washington then his contribution, though doubtless interesting, will not have gone to the heart of strategic defence.

The shift of emphasis comes about for two reasons. The first is that if SDI is represented as a defensive dome over the United States to stop Soviet missiles getting in then Europe is by definition left outside it. The President's Scientific Adviser and Director of the Office of Science and Technology, Dr George Keyworth, has therefore invited Europeans to think of the dome as being placed over the Soviet Union, to stop its missiles getting out. In that case, he has urged, missiles would be stopped regardless of where they were going — SS20s to Europe or SS18s to Washington. The other reason for the shift is the recognition that as soon as boost phase is over the rockets start to "mirv," that is, to distribute their independently targeted warheads. Not only that but they can distribute decoys and chaff which would place virtually impossible identification tests on any defensive system. Therefore you have to catch them young.

In the present generation of Soviet missiles the boost phase lasts for 300 seconds. There are five minutes, in other words, in which the sensors can pick up the heat radiation, the radars determine the upward paths of the rockets, and the defensive beams be brought to bear. This system will require a large array of satellites. However, the new American MX missile is designed to have a fast-burning booster which completes phase one in 50 seconds rather than 300. It can be assumed that Soviet technology will eventually catch up — eventually meaning by the time the SDI comes into operation. The SDI systems are designed, of course, not for use but for the credibility of their contribution to deterrence. Whether it is credible that a disabling first strike could be countered in so short a time is a question of credibility in itself.

Mr Heseltine believes, as Europeans in general have been encouraged to believe, that there is commercial as well as strategic advantage in cooperation on the technology of SDI. In particular Britain is said to be strong in the computer software and laser components of such a system. It seems inherently unlikely that the American arms lobby will fail to keep the major part of this enormous project to itself. But given the utmost commercial goodwill on the American side, the destruction of rockets in their boost phase is going to demand charged particle beams in which the Americans are well ahead (though in which the Russians have done research of their own, being more familiar with the SDI concept than they generally admit).

Dr Keyworth had acknowledged that a technology transfer problem exists. Are American companies, in other words, going to put state-of-the-art technology on exhibition so that British and other European competitors can build compatible systems? He does not entirely dismiss the problem by saying that it will be examined on a case by case basis. Moreover, the American official quoted yesterday as saying that Britain is a special ally will have to say much the same to the others if SDI is to become the multinational enterprise advertised in the prospectus. Some help with the computer software will no doubt be mutually advantageous, but it is not going to loom very large in an enterprise likely to dominate the entire American economy as the previous arms race did in its time.

Europe charts another way

If, meanwhile, you are sitting in Europe, worrying not merely about the politics of SDI, but about the technical possibilities surrounding it, you would be looking for an alternative way. Miraculously, that way begins to open. Eureka! The first personal singular of the perfect indicative of an ancient Greek verb meaning "I have found." The third century BC cry of Archimedes as he leapt from his Sicilian bath, having twigged the principle of the displacement of water. And now an acronym for a concept produced by President Mitterrand and his advisers. They were doubtless attracted to the word by its eminently communautaire first syllable, even though this is a totally false etymology. Properly transliterated, the word should read "heureka" and has nothing to do with the name of our continent, but then the French have never been at ease in the presence of aspicates. Spelt the French way, Eureca stands now for European Research Coordination Agency, taken from the English because French word-order would have made it impossible to use the acronym in the first place.

Apart from that, the tense is wrong. If Mr Mitterrand's proposal, launched three months ago as a Europolitical response to the American Strategic Defence Initiative and taken up by this month's ministerial conference in Paris, gets off the ground as it thoroughly deserves to, the future-perfect would be better: I shall have found. What we shall have found if we Europeans ever manage to get our act together is quite clear — a separate and independent identity as a source of ideas, products and marketable applications across the whole field of high technology. The nature of the Paris meeting is a perfect illustration of the problem we have in confronting American casual brilliance, based on huge capital resources and a vast home market (and the readiness to write off failures), and Japanese zeal in attention to detail and exploitation of invention regardless of origin. In Paris there were 17 national delegations and another from the European Commission, whose main conclusions were that there was something in Eureka and there ought to be another meeting in November to try to establish a definition. At the moment, therefore, Eureka is no more than a feeling, better suited to the optative mood of the Greek verb than the indicative. The important thing is that the wish to make something of it has been shown to exist and has passed the first hurdle.

Mr Mitterrand is to be congratulated for seeing that the American SDI, an attempt to beat the Bomb with hi-tech so fantastic that it may one day find its true home in Disneyland, is a threat to western Europe regardless of its military implications. An ocean of dollars pouring in the general direction of such technological superpowers as IBM and Boeing and all the rest, whose present size is demonstrably enough to threaten European enterprise with suffocation, could draw away the talents, the capital and the innovative energy still left to us. Eureka is as yet nebulous, but the underlying idea of arousing western Europe for the people, the companies, the projects and the money and bring them together in a home market which is potentially the world's largest and richest is not only unquestionably sound but is also a question of survival for democratic Europe. If Europe, twenty years on, simply lacks industries which can command world markets (and the investment capital that goes with them) then we should have seen national divisions turn a continent into a second-class commercial satellite. The next step should be the creation of a small group of European experts to gather the necessary (and easily discoverable) intelligence without bureaucratic interference, so as to identify the areas of greatest promise. SDI started at the top with a military concept; Eureka starts at the bottom without one. There is no frontier between the two. Europe's only answer to Star Wars is to confront the overweening foreign multinational with the supranational, the trump card which it has not yet learned how to play. That is what Eureka ought to be.

Mr Lawson's plum pipes

The privatisation of British Gas is unlikely to be one jot disturbed by yesterday's announcement that profits last year were £200 million down at a mere £1 billion. The drop appears largely due to the rising cost of North Sea gas supplies (now increasing at higher than the rate of inflation) rather than any decline in underlying productivity. The corporation is still rich in cash (it was forced to lend the Treasury £504 million last year) and could easily command a price tag of £10 billion or more when the monopoly is sold. That will enable the Government to finance pre-election tax cuts (at the expense of greatly reduced future income from the public sector), but such a policy can only last as long as there are still golden geese left to sell. Otherwise this remains the daftest of all the privatisations since BG will remain a total monopoly, same management, same workforce. Its future success will be partly dependent on continuation of the quiet efficiency it has displayed in the public sector, but profitability will overwhelmingly depend on how much the Government or its regulatory body allows it to increase its prices relative to the inflation rate. The Government has already intervened three times to force gas prices up by more than BG wanted and it has forced BG to lend it money. Will Whitehall really be able to take its grubby hands off the corporation when it is privatised?

Ministers also believe that, British Gas monopoly though it be, will benefit from the private sector culture. Yet the words of the financial secretary to the Treasury, Mr John Moore, last week that "marketing and risk taking are not skills which the public sector always values highly" must have caused a shudder in Sir Denis Rooke's pipeline. Was it not British Gas which discovered large quantities of onshore oil in Dorset (despite the scepticism of its private sector partner) only to be ordered to sell it off to the private sector? Or the same entrepreneurial BG which discovered oil in the North Sea only to be ordered to dispose of it? And the same BG (still unrepentant) which wanted to buy Norwegian gas to meet an expected future scarcity of supply only to be told by the men in Whitehall to do nothing of the sort?

This raises the perverse argument — that privatisation pays because if a corporation stays in the public sector the Government will interfere so much that efficiency will be greatly impaired and entrepreneurial drive sandbagged. There is something in this.

It is in any case difficult to see how the national interest is advanced by diverting billions of pounds of savings into an existing monopoly (doubtless at a giveaway price like British Telecom) at a time when there is an urgent need to attract money into new and highly risky hightech areas on which the future potential of this country will depend. The instant profits attached to privatisations like British Telecom give a quite distorted view to new investors of what investing in industry — with its big risks and long pay off periods — is all about.

It would not matter so much if even part of the proceeds was being pumped back into improving the nation's deteriorating capital base. But no, the exercise is one more desperate attempt to conjure the tax cuts promised in the Conservatives' manifesto out of a financial strategy which has manifestly failed to do so by the promised means.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fundamental questions the BBC cannot answer

Sir, — The Guardian gave detailed coverage of the BBC Report "Priorities for the Future" which involved job losses in excess of 4,000 out of the 25,000 staff affected. I believe that the public is being deceived and that the Governors and the BBC's senior management have surrendered abjectly to Government thinking, and hope to present to the Peacock Committee a BBC already half privatised.

The process by which these proposals were arrived at is quite astonishing. The Director-General, Alisdair Milne, says that he gave the Director of Finance and this three-man team "18 working days" to produce the report. He "encouraged them to ask fundamental questions and not get bogged down in endless detail."

Much of the philosophical justification of the decisions, it is alleged, comes from the Peat Marwick Mitchell "Value for Money" report on the BBC. However, on June 12, the personnel director, Mr Christopher Martin, told the unions at a meeting to discuss that report, concerning the recommendation on independent production, "the comparison of costs recommended had been made on the assumption that the independent producer would be cheaper. There were currently no facts to support this assumption. The BBC was compelled to carry out a cost comparison and in doing so it would be careful to compare like with like."

One month later the priorities report states "the BBC will aim to increase the amount of product from independent producers from 20 hours to 150 hours by 1988." It stretches credulity to believe that these cost comparisons have also been carried out in the same 18 days. Why, unless political considerations are paramount, should the licence fee subsidise a private sector which pays more than the BBC itself to its staff.

cPat Marwick Mitchell referred to the "need for more flexibility at the margins." The personnel director again said on June 12 to the unions, "what was referred to here was the use of short-term contracts. There are currently agreements with the unions for the use of these and this allowed for negotiations on the numbers. There was a feeling that the traditional nature of employment needs examination. . . ." Again, "examination" is referred to and "negotiations". A month later the unions are told that the ratio of contract staff in programme areas will be at a minimum of 25 per cent. That is a strange way of describing a "margin" and no examination or negotiation has taken place.

Peat Marwick Mitchell said about BBC catering, "in general catering services are provided more cheaply than by outside contractors." On cleaning and security, that report did recommend the possibility of contracting out but added, "the BBC needs to reach agreement with staff and unions" and also said "certain types of security would best be provided by the Corporation's own staff."

One month later in the priorities report, this kind of "endless detail" has been replaced by "in-house support services should not be continued when in a more developed broadcasting industry they are economically available in the market place." The meaning of that phrase becomes clearer when we learn that Mr Milne has said, "do we need to staff all our own canteens, have all our own cleaners and staffs with all their attendant overheads of pensions."

The priorities report does not contain a scrap of financial or economic evidence for the changes proposed. The only role for the unions (as seen by the BBC) is to discuss "a concrete plan." The unions in the BBC will be resisting these hasty, ill-considered proposals with all the resources at their command. — Yours faithfully,

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Why rivalry must not stifle the Alliance

Sir,- Your Chief Political Correspondent is wrong in claiming (July 22) that "some Liberals have been pressing for a leadership election between David Steel and David Owen before the next election." More accurately we seek, by whatever means, a satisfactory and unambiguous answer to the general public's perfectly reasonable question "Who would be Prime Minister in an Alliance government?" If that involves an election, then so be it. But if Steel and Owen are determined to avoid one, then only one of them need stand nominated. An unopposed return is still an election.

The sad fact is that some senior Liberals oppose an election only because they fear that David Owen might win. Most lesser mortals in the party don't particularly mind who wins — their sole concern is that we do not throw away the chance of an Alliance government as a result of a self-inflicted electoral handicap. — Your faithfully,

Maurice Bennett,
The Liberal Club,
41a Baxter Gate,
Loughborough.

Sir, — The Guardian seems to be having a go at the Alliance at the moment. It has not been very successful in the sense of matching stories to facts. Your latest exercise "Liberals keep Alliance leadership off the agenda" (July 22) shows a keen concern to see that the party is not robbed of an opportunity to debate the Alliance leadership. I can inform you that this will not be the case.

The Liberal Party's policy makers are not trying to stifle debate at the Assembly. If they tried that they would be torn limb from limb. What they have tried to do is to make sure that any discussion about leadership takes place in the context of a general debate about the presentation of the Alliance and is not railroaded by a specific aspect of that presentation.

Some Liberals may not like this, but their view was heavily defeated at Warrington after a debate which was not stifled and was open to the press. In fact your own story, which starts off by talking about stifling debate, quotes party chairman Paul Tyler two paragraphs later in saying that it is important to discuss the issue in the context of presenting the Alliance to the electorate. Yours,

Jim Dumsday,
Parliamentary Liberal Party,
House of Commons.

Inconsistencies that mark a bias against a miners' amnesty

Sir, — In the first half of this month you devoted no less than six editorials to attacks on Arthur Scargill and the demand for an amnesty for miners convicted of offences during the coal dispute. The content and quality of these editorials were even more disturbing than their quantity.

You were very ready to attack Mr Scargill for the rule change in the NUM which enables him to remain president for life, if he so wishes — even though this is only in line with many other top trade union posts. But when it comes to the leadership of the Notts breakaway, no such democratic or electoral considerations were brought into play. You were urging Mr Kinnock to "recognise" the proposed new union, even before the High Court ruled that there must be a ballot first. When that ruling was made, you described it as an "uncertain victory for the forces of Scargillism" — not, be it noted, a victory for the principle of democracy, which you are so ready to invoke against Mr Scargill and the NUM.

There is the same biased inconsistency in your comments on the amensty proposal. The proposal, made by the Commons Employment Committee, that those sacked by the Coal Board should have their cases reviewed, you describe as a "reasonable and moderate call." But when the NUM conference calls for just such a review, you tell us that "review" is a "dangerously ambiguous word." Why does "a reasonable and moderate" proposal from a Commons Committee become "dangerously ambigous" when put forward by miners themselves?

You talk freely, about "the murderers, the arsonists and the bully boys" who would benefit from an amnesty, and report that there is "an unexpected degree of support" for the amnesty proposal among constituency Labour parties. Unexpected to whom? It was unfortunate for your anti-amnesty campaign that it should have coincided with what you yourself describe a the "ignominious failure" of two separate attempts to have groups of miners convicted of such serious offences as riot, which carries a possible life sentence, and unlawful assembly. You rightly pointed to the Home Secretary's role in encouraging the police to bring serious charges against the miners, but then, predictably, refuse to put two and two together.

The collapse of these two riot trials makes it abundantly clear that, with Government encouragement, the police and prosecuting authorites twisted and misused the law in an effort, first to break the strike, and then to get numbers of miners sent to gaol. It is just such scandalous episodes as these which explain why many people, inside and outside the Labour Party, do not regard the amnesty proposal as the absurd outrage you represent it as being. Some of the energy you devote to attacking Mr Scargill and Mr Benn would be better employed in taking a close, hard look at the role of police and magistracy during, and after, the coal dispute.

Anthony Arblaster,
42 Westenholm Road,
Sheffield.

The aid that Africa needs

Sir, — It is heartening to hear that the leading charities involved in African relief operations have this year had "hugely increased donations." Your article (July 20) reports War on Want receiving a five-fold increase to over £9 million and Oxfam doubling to over £50 million.

On the other hand, I find it disheartening to hear, despite all the media rhetoric and earnest discussions in pubs, coffee mornings and church groups on the urgent need for long-term development, that charities like Intermediate Technology, which lead the aid world in the technical and mechanical aspects of appropriate rural development, have had no increase at all.

The public and media respond enthusiastically to attack the symptoms of disaster: we can all visualise, and feel sympathy for, a diseased child with a swollen belly, and I don't deny the need to offer help. But equally we must give out time and resources to seek out and ameliorate the causes of disaster.

The poverty-stricken people of the world typically have the ability and desire to work: they are their own great hope for the future. They merely lack access to the means to do so. They need ploughs, fishing nets, cooking stoves, irrigation systems, building bricks and clean water.

(Dr) R. C. Crane,
72 John Street,
London EC1.

Sir,—Wendy Booth (Letters, July 20) is quite right to criticise the anti-Soviet rhetoric of Bob Geldof who said in respect of aid to Ethiopia: "Everyone knows that the Soviet Union is doing nothing."

When he visits that country, Bob Geldof will find out how wrong he is. He will learn that it was the Soviet Union that built the Melka-Wakana dam, that is helping to make the country self-sufficient; as is the Bara-Akobo project for the irrigation of 10,000 hectares of land, another Soviet contribution.

At a time when the most immediate need in Ethiopia is transport rather than food, Bob Geldof is obviously unaware of the fact that the Soviet Union has supplied the Ethiopian government with 340 heavy-duty, cross-country lorries as well as Soviet planes, helicopters and pilots, all now transporting food to the desert areas.

While he is in Ethiopia, I hope Bob Geldof will find time to visit the mobile field hospital with its staff of 159, capable of treating 500 patients a day—also supplied by the Soviet Union.—Yours

Ernie Trory,
4 Portland Avenue,
Hove, Sussex.

Colour coding on the way in



Sir, — Along with a group of 35 tourists, I recently returned to London after a holiday in Budapest and Moscow. At Dover Customs check point all of my group members were shown the way out without their luggage being checked. However, I was detained. My luggage was thoroughly searched and my passport scrutinised for the second time despite the fact that it had been already checked by the immigration officers. I do not see the reason for the kind of "honorary" treatment extended to me other than my brown colour.

I met the same kind of experience at Gatwick airport when I returned from Singapore. Then I was taken to a private area, where my luggage was "sniffed", and my clothes meticulously searched.

Is there any confidential manual issued to the Custom officers instructing them to treat the coloured people differently when they return to London? Here is yet another field of inquiry for the Commission of Racial Equality.
— Yours sincerely,

K.A. David Devassy,
London NW1.

Sir, — I read with interest your report on the treatment of Asians at Heathrow. I myself arrived there from New York on June 13 to take up a one year exchange post in Leicester. My children were to follow me on their own in six weeks. I was worried about how they would manage getting through the international reception zone by themselves and asked a uniformed airport official whether I might be allowed into the zone to help them upon their arrival.

She replied sympathetically that for security reasons that would not be possible, but she gave me detailed instructions on what I could do to have them looked after as they came through. I thanked her for reassuring me and she replied cheerily.

Behind me came a rather elderly Asian couple who had been on the same Air India flight. The husband asked the same official a question about baggage claims. Her response: "I'm not an information booth, dearie." And that was that. For shame.

V. A. Esteves,
Knighton Road,
Leicester.

One law for the rich and another for the unhappy warden

Sir,—Ann Fowler's article "One Law for the Rich" (July 20) confirms my opinion that law and order in our society has nothing whatsoever to do with justice and that all workers, irrespective of how reasonable they may consider their employers to be, must protect themselves by joining a trade union.

Had the unhappy warden, as described by Ann Fowler been a member of a trade union then not only would he have enjoyed legal representation but all his costs would have been met by the trade union. Furthermore, if circumstances were in fact as described by Ann Fowler I am confident that the Tribunal would have found in his favour to the extent that they would have ordered the charity to reinstate him, compensate him for te loss of earnings during the time he was out of work and restore any benefits to which he was entitled.

When trade unions are so often criticised for their behaviour in matters of industrial relations it is sad that equal publicity is not afforded to the service they provide for members who find themselves faced with a similar predicament to that of the warden.—Yours

Barry Keightley,
USDAW,
42, Charles Street,
Cardiff.

Sir,—Ann Fowler's article illustrates, firstly, the crying need for law services readily available to and designed by and for members of that large majority of the population for whom recourse to a lawyer appears as foreign an activity as building an igloo.

Legal services in the areas she mentions, namely housing welfare benefits and employment, are provided free by law centres. Unfortunately there are too few of them and many of those have their funding threatened by cuts and the abolition of metropolitan councils.

The article also explains why so many very good lawyers are willing to offer their services to law centres for a salary which, although adequate, is often far less than that which can more easily be obtained in private practice.—Yours faithfully,

Fred Hodgkinson,
Wythenshawe Law Centre.

Sir, — Solicitor Anne Fowler's pitif uldescription of a case which, duty bound, she followed through to its sad end, provoked a number of thoughts. Not once in the article did she mention con fronting her client with the slowly emerging truth which sujported the defendants case. She did not explain why it was obligatory for her to continue with the litigation.

The English legal system may not account for "fairness, understanding, kindness and even justness," but are we to expect that because the financial rewards of the solicitors profession are so high that they too can ignore these important social and moral aspetcs? — Yours

S. A. Crosley,
Orpington, Kent.

Sir, — How sad that someone connected with the case that Ann Fowler describes, did not put the defendant in touch with his Citizen's Advice Bureau, who would have guided him throughout and, if necessary, attended the Tribunal with him. — Yours

Barbara Shaw,
Okehampton,
Devon.

Maggiefiat?

Sir, — July 20th was the feast-day of St Margaret. May I offer this belated Canticle to Mr Gum-gum and all the faithful? "She hath propped up the mighty on their seat And the poor she hath sent empty away". —

Yours faithfully,

Kenneth Tibbets,
Hebden Bridge,
W. Yorkshire.

Speaking up for Gwynedd

Sir, — What is all this sothach about racial discrimination in Gwynedd, where, as you report (July 20) the county council was found guilty of that offence by refusing to employ two women who could not speak Welsh? As all parties concerned were obviously of the same ethnic group, race hardly came into the matter. It was a question of linguistic discrimination — something quite different.

Though the most widely spoken, Welsh is one of the declining native minority languages of this island. To survive, it needs the kind of discrimination in its favour that is advocated by many of us liberals where there are problems truly involving minority ethnic groups in our midst. Gwynedd County Concil is more truly progressive than those who would have a native language with a proud literary history unbroken since the sixth century, swamped by a multinational. — Yours,

Semmas Stewart,
Chipping Campden,

Sir, — In response to your news item about Plaid Cymru (July 15) I must point out that Plaid Cymru has no intention of standing down in favour of Labour in the Bridgend constituency. We are, at present, in the process of selecting a prospective Parliamentary candidate. — Yn gywir,

Dilwyn Jones,
Bridgend, Glam.

A COUNTRY DIARY

OXFORDSHIRE: While still in bed, if I care to look out of the window at first light, say around 4 am, the shrub on the wall outside appears to be festooned with bunches of sky-blue blossom; but if seen an hour or so later, when I am up and about, the blooms (those of Solanum crispum) are of the bright mauvish hue very similar to that of some potato varieties. But if I arise from my bed at first light to look from my window, or even to go outside and view the phenomenon at close quarters, an even more extreme example of colour-change due to the quality of light is demonstrated by a variety of border phlox. At first light this has blooms of a deep royal blue, with no hint of any red component. By breakfast time the flowers are already bluish-purple, but by afternoon they have changed to a deep purplish-red. This magical transformation is doomed to be a secret shared only by the plant and myself, for although I often mention it to visitors to my garden, all of them seem content to accept my word, for none so far has paid a dawn visit to corroborate my story. I once saw one in a friend's garden which, in broad daylight, appeared identical with my variety, and recommended the owner to arise at dawn to see it in its bright blue stage; he did so, but it was still as red as it was in full sunlight, so that it seems the peculiarity is confined to one special variety. Unfortunately I have forgotten its varietal name, but have a strong hunch that it was suggestive of a German origin. W. D.

W. D. CAMPBELL.

The Budapest Institute for Motor Disordered Children is achieving extraordinary results for children with severe handicaps — and for some adults with degenerative diseases as well. The British health minister has said that he wants to see similar institutes established in this country as soon as possible But what are the chances? Howard Sharron reports on the Hungarian educational revolution — and its challenging implications for British philosophy and practice

Conductive tour de force

IT WAS a terrible wrench for Cherry Casper to leave her seven-year-old son Andrew behind in Hungary, a totally strange country, when she was obliged to return to the rest of her family here. But she felt she had no alternative. There was no other place, in her view, that could have offered her profoundly handicapped, spastic son any chance of an independent and fulfilling existence

Mike and Lisa Hoarsley are emigrating to Hungary with their four-year-old son Joseph in September for the same reason. They are painters, so can work while their son attends the Budapest Institute for Motor Disordered Children where they practise Conductive Education. Like Cherry Casper and many other visitors to the Institute, they were astounded at what they found, and now feel that anything less would be an offence against their child's future

In Budapest they were able to see, as I did on a recent visit, a system of education which teaches children, and adults suffering from degenerative diseases, to master their disabilities It has been described as a quantum leap in the care of the physically disabled — analogous in scale only to the nineteenth century breakthrough of educating deaf children out of "imbecility" through sign language

Children with very severe conditions of spasticity, spina bifida, ataxia and athetosis which usually makes them incapable of controlled movement, can be seen at the Institute walking and manipulating materials to levels which enable them to attend normal school classes and compete with children of their own age

In Britain many of these children would live wheelchair existences, attending special, segregated schools In their sheltered and sometimes very distressed and frustrated lives, they would remain dependent on adults for many of their needs.

Over 400 children live in the Institute, on average, for two to three years but possibly for up to seven. If their parents live nearby, they go home for weekends: otherwise they only see their families during fleeting visits and school holidays.

The children sleep and spend much of their time in a single room where the main piece of equipment is a slatted wooden plinth which acts as bed and exercise bench. In each room, there are 15 to 20 children with the same condition and broadly the same degree of disability, and they are expected to support and motivate each other through exceptionally strenuous programmes

The children are woken at 6.30, always by the same team of staff (called "conductors") who put them to bed; they have almost two hours of training in bathroom skills and dressing before breakfast. This is of course another opportunity for training, very few children are unable to feed themselves

For the rest of the day, until eight at night, the children alternate between walking and general motor skills training, conventional education and social skills like eating and toilet training.

Physically normal children would find the overall programme hard to sustain. The work-rate shows the motivational power of the conductors — who are trained for four years and combine the roles of teacher, counsellor, speech and physiotherapist — and of the group itself A more extreme contrast to the highly individualised Western approach to such children by numerous uncoordinated professionals couldn't be imagined

Behind the differences in practice are differences in philosophy which are as radical. Conductive Education is not a therapy, based on a medical model, in which children are trained to cope with implacable handicaps, with the help of expensive gadgets. At its heart, is the belief that children are much more open to modification than we in the West consider possible. In the case of cerebral palsy and other neurological disorders the method is to train the child so that the central nervous system is encouraged, by a system of education, to restructure itself and bypass damaged functions

This has much in common with Russian psychological theory — led by Vygotsky — which asserts the brain's ability to create new structures in response to particular forms of social interaction and activity Interestingly, research on the brain's ability to recover from serious damage, and to change its internal systems in response to new tasks, now also seems to be endorsing the underlying assumptions in Conductive Education

When the children learn new movements, the conductors encourage them to use verbal regulation and rhythmic intention. They shout out the movements with the conductor "lift," "bend," "stretch," "pinch" (vital for holding pens), and count a beat as a kind of intellectual aid to realising different movements. The first is used because of the links Soviet psychologists found between language and motor functions: once a skill has been satisfactorily "internalised," the verbal regulation is dropped

There is only one criterion of success or failure at the institute: whether a child learns function independently in the world or not. There is none of the "relative progress" attitude that is dominant within British special schools, where "success" is claimed for the most marginal changes. The Institute's figures for children moved to ordinary or special schools for the retarded (which in Hungary rigidly insist on the ability to walk) is a staggering 80 per cent

There is less hard evidence to support the Institute's claims of effectiveness with adults suffering from Parkinson's Disease, multiple sclerosis or strokes. But the subjective evidence is very strong. Among the Hungarian participants, there were several who had been forced at one point to give up work because of Parkinson's Disease but had managed to return after a period of Conductive Education. Despite having had the disease for between five to 10 years, the group members were fitter and more active than might have been expected in Britain

Ronnie Nanton, a research fellow at Birmingham University who is studying the effectiveness of Conductive Education for Parkinson patients was also able to show samples of handwriting that had dramatically improved over time.

She maintains it is not surprising that Conductive Education has such remarkable results: "Parkinson's Disease has been characterised as a loss of will, and it has long been acknowledged that concentration, willpower and the exhortation of others can help the patient, at least early on, to overcome motor and minor thinking difficulties."

She is supported in her enthusiasm by Dr Chris Clough, a neurologist specialising in Parkinsonism who recently visited Hungary with a delegation from the Parkinson Disease Society In his report of the trip he said he felt the system was "highly likely" to benefit patients with moderate disease, particularly those who are social isolated and withdrawn, and that the psychological theory of rhythmic intention could well help patients control their movement. He strongly urged a trial of the system in this country

Just such a trial has been proposed by Andrew Sutton, the Birmingham psychologist who has led the rediscovery of Conductive Education. His project is attempting to bring Hungarian conductors over here, so they can train staff on the job and provide a system largely similar to the Hungarian one He insists that there is no other way to transfer Conductive Education, previous British applications have so corrupted it that they have produced nothing like Hungarian results

Employees of the Spastics Society discovered Conductive Education 20 years ago and established a small unit to use it at Ingfield Manor School in Sussex But because of its controversial aspects — it threatened the continued role of the different therapy professions in treating motor disorders and, as a non-medical approach, was disparaged by doctors — the Society's bureaucracy appears to have starved it of money and support.

Mike Hoarsley says he is disgusted with both the medical profession for their ignorance and the Spastics Society for failing to tell him about Conductive Education when he first went to them when his son was two. He only found out about Ingfield Manor and then the Budapest Institute by accident, by which time his son had lost two vital years. Less fortunate parents, he says, have lost 20 years.

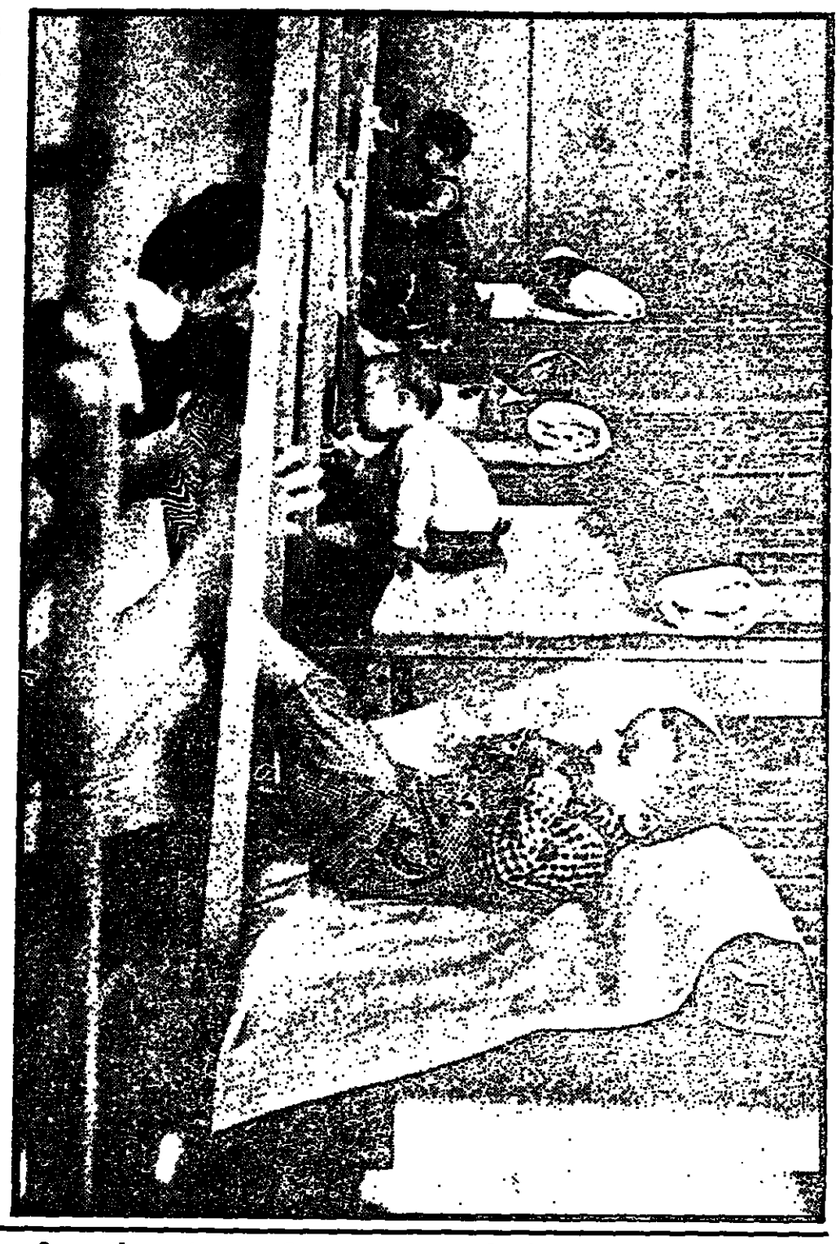
Cherry Casper, whose son Andrew is now in Budapest, is herself a member of the staff of the Ingfield Manor unit. Although she praises its work, she says that lack of training and resources means that it provides nothing like as intensive a Conductive Education as is practised in Hungary; although the unit remains the best on offer for children with cerebral palsy in Britain, it fails to achieve the same results as the Budapest Institute.

The Spastics Society, however, has now, together with MENCAP, set up its own research project into the different qualified attempts to practise Conductive Education in Britain — although it admits that none of these is of Hungarian intensity.

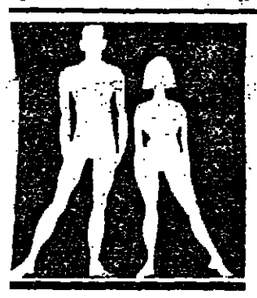
Last November health minister Kenneth Clarke told reporters during a visit to Hungary: "What I have particularly liked here, something that stands as an example that ought to be followed, is the Teaching and Training Institute for the Motor Disordered. We would like to establish Institutes like this in our own country, too, as soon as possible. They serve humane purposes and, in my opinion, they can function only where the social order is also humane."

But without the support of the big voluntary organisations, it seems unlikely that the Government will feel able to contribute to the £750,000 needed to run the Birmingham project for four years.

Apart from some vital initial support from Birmingham city council, the only other organisation which is offering to consider donating money is the United Nations — but only if other funds are laid on the table. So the Birmingham project could well be stillborn. That would be a tragedy and an indictment of our times.



on the exercise bench at the Budapest Institute



BODY AND SOUL

The sugar 'n' spice syndrome

AFTER work and before your meal this evening, when your critical faculties are reasonably acute, switch on the television advertisements, turn down the sound and concentrate on the items featuring women and products for the home

From where I sit, they are powerful examples of sex-role stereotyping; idiot hausfrauen rabbiting on about the minutia of keeping bugs out of the bog, being patronised by washing machine mechanics and fluttering to the chemistry of softer clothes. The men are cut from the same cardboard, the route to masculinity swathed through shaving soap or wreathed in cigar smoke

A lot of work has been carried out by psychologists and sociologists specialising in the media on the volume of such labelling and the strength of the stereotypes

And yet the labels can be peeled, if only briefly, as some experiments with school children are showing in what is now becoming a very busy area of social sciences research.

Enough interesting effects of social conditioning are being revealed for Dr David Hargreaves and Dr Ann Colley of Leicester University to be putting them together in a book they are editing about the psychology of sex roles. Dr Hargreaves also reports on the latest in a series of experiments that he has conducted over several years in an attempt to discover whether some of the masculine and feminine characteristics imposed by social labelling can be modified.

Eight years ago he showed that boys and girls were able to act out responses of the opposite sex in a well-validated drawing test which throws up clear sex differences in the creative use of patterns.

"By simply asking 11-year-old children to pretend to be of the opposite sex, they actually reproduced the creative styles of that sex," he said. "To me, that showed that sex roles are clearly built into us"

Lately, following the work of Dr Dilys Davies at London University's Institute of Education, he has been looking at the effects on people's skills the labels of certain jobs. Extreme examples are men and machinery, women and knitting.

First, he and his colleagues, Heather Bates and Josephine Foot, had to find a "neutral" task capable of being manipulated. They came up with the wiggly wire game — a length of undulating wire along which a close-fitting metal ring had to be passed without touching. If it touched, a bell sounded and a mistake was recorded. This is known in the trade as a perceptual-motor task.

The senior classes of two primary schools — 38 boys and 44 girls aged 10 or 11 — took part in the experiment, which was given male-female labels. The game was described as being either a good test of operating machinery or a test of fine work such as sewing and knitting.

Boys working the mechanics label and girls the sewing-knitting label performed significantly better than children who percieved the task to be inappropriate to their gender

The tendency was for this effect to be stronger among the boys and, as Dr Hargreaves says in the British Journal of Social Psychology, "this is in line with the common finding that boys of this age are more strongly sex typed than girls." That is, they are much less likely to express an interest in girls' activities than girls are in the goings-on among boys

So, on the one hand we have children who can easily act the opposite sex's approach to a task and on the other there is a polarity created by labelling. This is the part of psyche building that is under attack by the feminists and defended equally vigorously by non-feminists women and men who feel threatened by the erosion of "traditional" roles.

Between the stridency of both groups lies what is seen by some social scientists as an area of common sense and possible psychological development. Sandra Bem, of Cornell University, has been pushing the idea of psychological androgyny — the union of the best characteristics of both sexes. The stiff upper lip of masculinity is not always appropriate for males, she says. Neither is non-assertiveness always the best role for females who often have an unconscious fear of success.

Those in sympathy with this idea assert that androgynous people suffer much less anxiety and are better parents. But it is a hot spot in gender research and theories change rapidly.

What needs a lot of investigation is sex-role thinking among adults and whether they retain the flexibility of childhood in being able to adopt an opposite-sex approach or, more importantly, whether they perceive a need for such a shift away from social conditioning.

Peter Brock

In New York these days you can dial up your preventive therapy from the privacy of your own couch. Corrine Streich reports

Someone, somewhere is holding on with a hang-up

SHRINK-LINK is a professional counselling-by-telephone service in New York that its founders hope will play an important role in preventive therapy. Unlike the more usual crisis hotlines, its primary purpose is to counsel people who need help in the early stages of their condition.

According to its co-founder, Dr Sidney Lecker, this is when help will do them a lot of good. "People usually go to a psychiatrist's office after a problem has evolved for many years. If you look back two to three years, you'll find that there was a point when things weren't so bad, where they were just beginning to go off the rails a bit, and it's at that point when people consider going to see somebody. Usually though, they think of the expense and the bother, and say to themselves 'Maybe it will go away. Maybe I'll get better.' That's really tragic, because it's at that point that a lot of good can be done quickly. By the time they finally arrange an office appointment, their problem has worsened considerably We've known about the effectiveness of early stage intervention for a long time. The difference in this service is that it's being offered over the telephone."

From 10 am to 10 pm, every weekday, people can phone Shrink-Link from the privacy of their own couches and talk to a psychiatrist or psychologist. The cost: $15 for 10 minutes, payable through credit card or by cheque.

So far, the most common problems have to do with relationships in the home and at work. Many people who phone are anxious or depressed, and some have problems with alcohol or drugs. The Shrink-Link staff of seven psychologists and one psychiatrist are specialists in such fields as sex therapy, stress management, alcoholism and drugs, marriage and the family; and there is always someone available to deal with any of these particular problems.

The average call is 20 minutes but some have lasted as long as 50 minutes. Some people use the service once or twice while others seem to be developing a continuous relationship with a particular psychologist.

"This is not exactly a crisis line or psychotherapy, but an area in between," says Kathryn Hahner, a Shrink-Link psychologist. "We try to clarify the issue, identify the problem, and give people a direction or develop a strategy I've talked to workaholics who are so busy on the job that they have to phone a counsellor to learn relaxation exercises, and to parents who are afraid they will abuse their children. In this instance, you can't think down the line to the next session but must take an instant, problem-solving approach."

When someone needs more help than Shrink-Link can provide, they recommend outside counselling or a medical doctor

The idea was conceived by Dr Sidney Lecker, an attending psychiatrist at Mount Sinai Hospital Medical Center, and Howard I. Glazer, an assistant attending psychologist at the Payne Whitney Psychiatric Center, of Cornell University, both in New York.

The two partners have been conducting just such a phone-in service for several major corporations in the United States for the last four years; it has been so successful that they decided to open the service to the general public. They are contracted by the corporations to provide counselling for employees who want to discuss emotional problems with them or with the psychologists in the regional offices of their company Corporate Stress Control Services, Inc.

"The cost effectiveness of subsidised employee counselling in terms of productivity greatly offsets the fees we charge," says Dr Lecker. "We work outside the companies, thus guaranteeing absolute confidentiality We keep all files on the employees' visits and simply bill the corporation for our time. Nevertheless, we found that many people were still reluctant to contact us, or label themselves as a 'patient', until we started the phone-in service."

Some professionals object to the inability to evaluate facial expressions and read body language by telephone. But when Lecker and Glazer have debated their methods with colleagues, the general consensus has been that there is no real risk in what they are doing.

And Shrink-Link is finding that the telephone has certain advantages over office visits. "Anonymity is an important factor with people who have what they think of as embarrassing problems," says Dr Lecker. "We've had many calls from prominent people in small communities all over the country who won't see a therapist close to home, yet want to talk to someone"

According to a recent study by the National Institute of Health, one in five Americans has a serious, diagnosable, emotional disorder and only a small percentage are getting any help, much of it in the form of drugs and tranquilisers from general practitioners. It is the large, untreated segment of the population that Lecker and Glazer are addressing, as clinicians and as entrepreneurs.

While admitting that in the best of all possible worlds, everyone who needs help should have long term psychotherapy, they believe that the present situation points up the limitations in the traditional model — a weekly 50-minute hour in the therapist's office whether or not you have a full session's worth of problems to discuss.

The classic approach, of waiting for the patient to find something to talk about, makes people feel uncomfortable and give up too soon, they say Dr Lecker is constantly refining a focal, short-term approach to problems, and chooses Shrink-Link staff for their ability to get quickly past peripheral issues and on to core ones.

The large number of radio talk-show clinicians seem to support Lecker and Glazer's claim that people want to talk about their problems. But they do not consider that medium as competition. Kathryn Hahner used to host a radio phone-in show in Albany, New York. "On radio, you have to be entertaining," she says, "and all too often I'd be talking to a depressive while the producer was waving from the control booth to get him off, because he's boring."

Is Shrink-Link just another example of quick-answer, "pop" psychology, or does it offer a relatively inexpensive and readily available service that makes a form of psychotherapy more accessible to those who need it? There are no answers yet, but the phones keep ringing and more lines are being added all the time.

Forgiveness is one thing, a nuclear war is something else

SECOND OPINION

I AM glad that Dorothy Rowe (Society Tomorrow, July 10) is taking on "nuclear depression." But I do not agree that "mental health and maturity" are sufficient ends. The stakes are too high

People become gullible and submissive as a result of mistreatment when they are young. Focus on forgiveness, though, must be accompanied by positive encouragement to reclaim the inherent power we lost then and to become assertive enough to get things put right. And this is not a lonely activity — there is whole movement out there. You can forgive the person but abhor the politics and make sure they change.

When people have fully expressed their anger at the oppression of themselves and others, their grief at how people are so mistreated in the world and their fear of actually doing something about it, they do not need enemies. But they do need correct information about the so-called "Stranger."

Racism, sexism and all other forms of oppression (as well as fear of "the Russians") are institutionalised. To combat them requires an understanding of how they maintain the status quo, together with a commitment to action. Dr Rowe's implication that they are based on purely personal and inevitable fears is dangerous. There is no need for a "Stranger" and for an arsenal of defence mechanisms to keep him or her out. The nuclear issue is not just a personal issue.

Fiona Adamson,
London W11

WOULD increased self-knowledge and maturity on the part of those with anti-nuclear sentiments really make a practical solution to the problem of nuclear weapons more likely? And is increased self-knowledge really an available option for the majority of those suffering from depression?

Dorothy Rowe claims that we are totally responsible for the way in which we define ourselves. But how can a single act of consciousness overcome those very real forces which every day tell us who and what we are — such as class, status, income, and the roles we play in our relationships with others? If we take time rigorously to examine the apparent power we have over our own state of mind, don't we come to see it for the mirage it really is?

No doubt a search for increased self-knowledge is rational. But isn't it a little patronising to say to someone with problems "know thyself" and imply that all will thereby be well, when these problems involve real and concrete threats to one's well-being — and in the case of nuclear weapons, to the lives of us all? Is it not that depression is the sane response to such absurd circumstances?

Stephen Dickson,
London SW8

I FIND Dorothy Rowe's view that humans perceive membership of a group only in terms of common enemies remarkably negative. I thought the basis of any successful group, whether of pigeon fanciers or EEC heads of government, was at least a positive aim, a common passion or belief, and preferably also pursuit of more than selfish interests.

To propose the need for an enemy as catalyst is akin to the fatalistic view that man is naturally violent and thirsting for blood — a thesis propounded by, among others, commentators on the Heysel Stadium disaster. This incident perhaps illustrates the end result of groups identifying peaceful rivals as enemies.

Dorothy Rowe proposes that one teaches children to love enemies. But why not simply "love they neighbour," whether at street or global level? Those who believe in nuclear weaponry are not enemies, but supporters of peace and freedom through nuclear threats and terrorism. Others see that same security as coming from the identification of common interests, mutual security and peaceful initiatives to disarmament. Conversion not conquest is needed to lift the menace of nuclear depression.

Christopher Sparey Green,
Salisbury

Mrs Thatcher's own goal

I AM glad that Mary Midgley (Body and Soul, July 17) reminded us of Mrs Thatcher's extraordinary remark that we have "too many football clubs."

This remark must be one of the strongest indications that Mrs Thatcher, far from representing Victorian values, or any others which have some roots in Britain's traditional way of life, represents the nastier sort of consumerism that has destroyed much of value in our society

The importance of football lies in the fact that many clubs are still a focus for the community where their grounds are situated, and from which they draw many of their supporters and, indeed, players. If town and city teams are destroyed, then the fans' choice between the few remaining national clubs will depend only on which particular fashion in hooliganism they prefer

Surely we need to put the emphasis back on the local club which truly represents the pride that a self-respecting community has in itself and which can attract support from all members of that community who enjoy good sport. If anything, let us have more football clubs.

Matthew Huntbach,
Brighton.

Nothing succeeds like a job

I AM sure that Paul Hoddinott (Second Opinion, July 17) is correct in thinking that "unemployed people are the most disadvantaged group of all", and that they must be "specifically identified with equal opportunities policies" and receive "positive action from a recalcitrant bureaucracy."

Over the last two years, I have employed 38 people under the MSCs Community Programme. In 25 years of full and part-time employment, I have never worked with such a committed group of people. But although many people have been very helpful, the attitude of some officials who are in secure employment themselves has been patronising or obstructionist. It felt as if "the unemployed" didn't warrant normal courtesy and respect. Yet "the unemployed" are exactly the same kind of people as those of us in work who found our jobs at a time of full employment.

The MSC scheme which I ran had an 87 per cent success rate in terms of subsequent employment — the national average being 30 per cent and the local average 60 per cent. Doesn't this show that in order to make a successful application for a job, one needs to be employed on work of a responsible nature, however temporary or ill-paid?

Selina Montford,
Lewis Cohen Urban Studies Centre,
Brighton Polytechnic

Breaking it to the boys

IN One Million Men Too Many (Society Tomorrow, July 17), Enid and Edward Hutchinson mention "the almost universal ignorance" of the sex-imbalance reversal. Yet as a teacher in the late '70s, I talked to an assembly on this problem. Every organiser of a marriage or dating bureau, every manager of a disco and every teacher who sees, year after year, the imbalance of the register, is aware of the trend.

More importantly, the message is already being perceived by girls which is why the marriage age has risen. Far from promoting underachievement among girls, it is likely in the long run to enable them to concentrate on their work. Among young and middle-aged women the reversal of the sex imbalance has been one of the strongest silent factors behind the rise in divorce — which in two-thirds of cases is sought by the wife. Women are beset by conflicting pressures, instead of pressures from one direction only

Men, too, dimly perceive what is happening. For unattractive men, the phrase "the permissive society" is a cruel mockery

The Hutchinson's are right to urge that socialisation of boys and girls should be reshaped But who would decide on its precise direction and form and who would be the sculptors ? Ordinary teachers, some of whom would find it difficult to wrench themselves from their own conditioning? Experts called in for the day and forgotten by the end of it? Whoever makes explicit to the more palaeolithic male pupils that they are likely to go through life without regular, reliable sources of sex as well as without regular, reliable jobs, deserves danger money.

Margaret Rooke,
Reading.

SOME friends and I would very much like to know where the surplus million men are. We are in our late 30s and early 40s, and our local research shows up very few.

R. Grossman,
East Barnet, Herts.

ISLINGTON IS GOING LOCAL

Islington is decentralising its services to Neighbourhood Offices as part of a major programme to improve the service given to the public.

An immediate benefit of the Neighbourhood Offices will be to make the services more convenient and accessible to local residents. These cover: Housing; Social Services including Home Helps; Environmental Health; Repair Teams; Payment of Benefits; Payments to the Council; Advice on Council Services; and Welfare Rights.

As a result, a number of posts will arise over the next few months. Candidates must be willing to work at any Neighbourhood Office in Islington. Personal preference for work location will be considered if possible. The persons appointed may be located in the first instance in an existing department and will be transferred to a Neighbourhood Office as the programme develops.

Please call telephone 01-226 0772 or write for an application form and details to: The Housing Department, 292 Essex Road, London, N1. The closing date is first post on August 12th 1985.

Islington Council

Our jobs are open to all races, both sexes, lesbians and gay men and we have a positive attitude towards the employment of disabled people.

HOUSING DEPARTMENT

IMPROVEMENT OFFICERS

S02 £11,652 to £12,273 p.a. inclusive

The successful applicants will be responsible for the co-ordination of the Council's response to private sector housing problems within the neighbourhood in conjunction with other departments as well as the co-ordination of advice on the planning and implementation of all housing estate programmes. They will also have responsibility for local developments and monitoring of the agreed housing capital programme.

Applicants should have a minimum of 3 years' housing experience including private sector and/or development of capital funded rehabilitation projects. An ability to communicate effectively with the public both orally and in writing is essential. Knowledge of legislation relevent to private sector housing, CPO procedures and the Housing Act (1980) would be desirable.

LETTINGS OFFICERS

Scales 4 to 6 £7,803 to £10,362 p.a. inclusive.

The Lettings Officer within each neighbourhood will be responsible for interviewing and processing applications from Council tenants seeking transfers and mutual exchanges. They will be responsible for allocating and letting Council property within their neighbourhood to approved housing applicants. Where necessary, they will be expected to undertake home visits to approved transfer applicants and to liaise with Area Repair Teams in connection with vacant Council properties.

Candidates should have some experience of dealing with the public and should be able to cope sympathetically with people living in stressful housing conditions. An ability to speak one of the borough's ethnic minority languages would be desirable.

NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSING BENEFIT OFFICES

SENIOR NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSING BENEFIT OFFICER

S01 £10,725 to £11,355 p.a. inclusive.

Candidates require a knowledge of Housing Benefits and 2 years' experience in any aspect of social security.

At least one year's experience of Housing Benefits and a knowledge of a Housing Benefit computer programme is essential.

The ability to supervise staff, exercise judgement in the discretionary areas of the scheme and to communicate clearly with people are essential.

NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSING BENEFIT OFFICERS

Scale 5 £8,772 to £9,510 p.a. inclusive.

Candidates require previous experience in clerical or administrative work. They should be able to communicate clearly and be able to interview clients. The ability to use a computer terminal to extract and input information is also essential.

TRAINEE NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSING BENEFIT OFFICERS

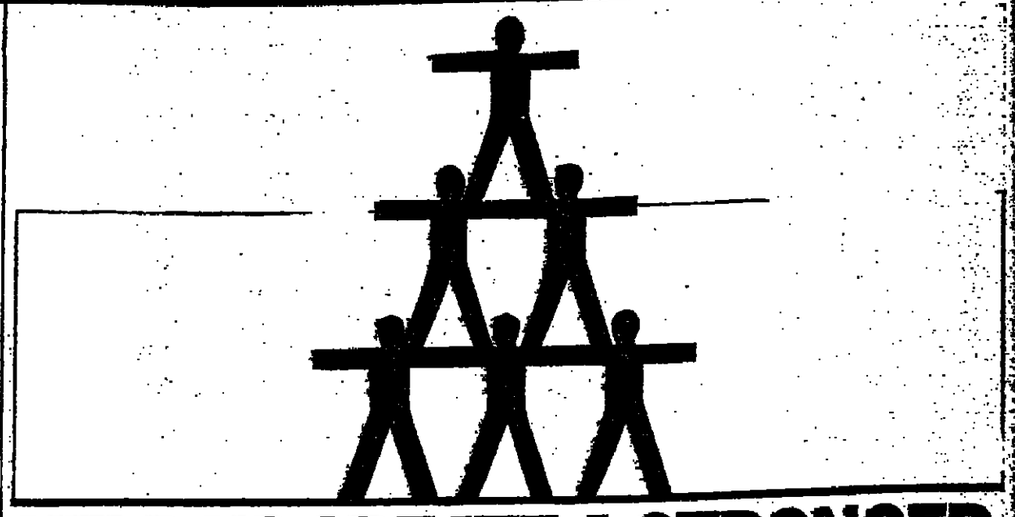
Scale 3 £7,170 to £7,668 p.a. inclusive

Candidates should be able to do simple arithmetic calculations, carry out clerical duties and be able to work with a computer terminal.

Experience of working with the public, either face to face or on the telephone would be an advantage

For all Housing Benefit posts, the ability to speak one of the borough's ethnic minority languages is desirable.

ISLINGTON CAN'T CARE FOR EVICTION



HELP US CREATE A STRONGER SOCIAL SERVICES STRUCTURE

How do you compromise between genuine, spontaneous, personal care and the unavoidable procedures that go with a large social services organisation? It isn't easy, and the secret is to organise subtly and efficiently so that all the needs of clients are met and satisfied in a fast, friendly and caring way. At Westminster we believe that we've achieved this balance, and to make sure that we adapt to changing conditions and problems, we've greatly re-organised our managerial structure, developing more locally based and integrated services. We're also in the process of transfering all our records onto a new computerised client database providing management with easier access to vital information.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
c.£20,000 pa.

Based at City Hall, we'll be looking to you to manage all administrative services such as finance and logistics, personnel and training, development of new technology and support for operational staff. You will assist the Director of Social Services to achieve the objectives and strategies of the Department as well as devising and implementing procedures for setting and reviewing those agreed objectives.

You'll have senior management experience, preferably in a social services setting or related field such as Education; the ability to communicate at all levels and appropriate qualifications. For an informal discussion please call Bill Ritchie, Director of Social Services on 01-798 2250. (Ref SS86).

DISTRICT DIRECTOR — PADDINGTON c.£19,000 pa.

You'll be integrating and managing social services in a third of the Westminster area, including St. Mary's Hospital and two area offices. This involves responsibility for 100 social workers. Much of the work is with children, and the mentally ill, in an area populated by many ethnic minority groups. Although you'll be based at City Hall, much of your time will be spent visiting your "patch", one of the most cosmopolitan in London.

You should have a good child-care background with proven management skills as well as a social work qualification.

For an informal discussion please call Chris Gostick, Deputy Director, on: 01-798 2285 (Ref SS87).

ASSISTANT DISTRICT DIRECTOR (Middlesex Hospital) c.£16,000 pa

ASSISTANT DISTRICT DIRECTOR (St John's Wood) c.£16,000 pa.

The Marylebone District Management Team comprises the District Director, ADD (Soho) and the above 2 posts.

The district team has been formed to continue the development of the flexible and innovative use of hospital and area team resources to provide an effective service to the clients of the hospital and residents of the district.

The ADD (Middlesex Hospital) will have management responsibility for 4 teams of Social Workers in a large teaching hospital group.

The ADD (St. John's Wood) will have management responsibility for a newly organised area comprising 3 social work teams serving this mainly mixed residential area.

For an informal discussion regarding the above two posts please call Chris Gostick, Deputy Director, on 01-798 2285 ref. SS88 Middlesex Hospital Ref. SS89 St. John's Wood.

ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL DIRECTOR (ADOLESCENTS) c.£16,000 pa.

As part of the re-structuring of our adolescent services in both residential and day care, we will look to you to lead your team of 50 Social Workers already involved with 'Assessment', IT schemes, our already successful adolescent fostering scheme and residential care fostering unit. (Ref SS90).

ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL DIRECTOR (CHILDREN'S RESIDENTIAL CARE) c.£16,000 pa.

This is a new post and you will be responsible for the management of five adolescent childrens homes.

You will need to have proven managerial skills and experience as well as a social work qualification (Ref SS91).

For an informal discussion regarding the above two posts please call Audrey Davies, Assistant Director (Children), on 01-798 2273.

If you have the qualities we seek and think you can take up the challenge of social services management with us, telephone the appropriate contact number above or phone Chris Maslin on 01-798 2256 for our information pack.

Please send a CV with full details of your career to date to: Director of Social Services, Room 817, CITY OF WESTMINSTER, City Hall, Victoria Street, London, SW1E 6QP.

The post of Assistant Director GNRV is subject to the LMGSC ring fence procedure, therefore applications can only be considered from staff currently working for the GLC, London Boroughs, Metropolitan County Councils or Metropolitan District Councils.

Closing date: 16th August 1985.

THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER 400 YEARS 1585 CELEBRATION 1985

M+D

Manchester and District Housing Association Limited require a:

Director of Finance

M & D has a stock of 3,500 homes including 15 sheltered housing schemes. As a result of a significant reorganisation within the Association, the need arises to appoint a Director of Finance.

Applicants should be qualified accountants with experience of Housing Association finance and of proven organisational and managerial skills. Experience of the implementation of computerised systems is also considered to be essential.

The successful applicant will be responsible for all financial matters within the organisation, including management and sub-committee reports, annual accounts and computer systems.

Salary up to £18,000 plus car and benefits.

Applications, including C.V., should be sent to:–

RODNEY DYKES & ASSOCIATES
The Cloisters,
Halsall Lane,
Formby,
Liverpool
L37 3PX

Who in conjunction with Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., are advising the Committee on the appointment.

TACKLING UNEMPLOYMENT: AN ALTERNATIVE APPROACH

TYSELEY TRAINING AND COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

We need people with commitment, ability and vision to establish 100 place training centre for the unemployed and disadvantaged in Birmingham. The Centre will offer high quality training which integrates the latest in new technology with traditional skills aiming to realise the full potential of individuals and groups in the community. With a staff of over 20 to be appointed and an innovative training strategy to be developed and implemented we are making two key appointments

CENTRE DIRECTOR
Up to £16,000

You will take overall responsibility for the development and operation of the Centre. In the short term you will be appointing staff, developing systems and making contacts. You will have proven management experience and a concern for the problems of disadvantaged groups from inner city areas.

COMPANY SECRETARY / ACCOUNTANT
Up to £14,500

You will develop and implement the financial and administrative procedures in the Centre, take responsibility for personnel matters, and advise the Centre Director and Board of Directors. You should be a qualified accountant.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS:

Write to John Mawson, Acting Company Secretary, West Midlands Training (Tyseley) Ltd., c/o West Midlands County Council, County Hall, Birmingham B4 7DJ, for an informal discussion phone Ian Waddell (021-300 6609) or Mark Baynor (021-300 6608).

The closing date for applications is Wednesday 14th August.

West Midlands Training (Tyseley) Ltd. welcomes applications from all sections of the community.

Social Services Department

Social Workers

SO2 £11,061-£11,682
L3 £9,771-£11,061/£11,373
L2 £8,661-£9,771/£10,134

Specialist posts are available in our newly restructured Social Services Department. Qualified Social Workers are offered the opportunity to develop skills, participate in new initiatives and be part of an enthusiastic and innovative staff group. Level 3 applicants must have at least 18 months post qualifying experience. Current work bases are shown.

Children's Services

Children's Teams: L3 (Orpington), L2 (Penge)
Intermediate Treatment: L2 (Orpington)
Adoption and Fostering: L2/3 (Bromley)
Under 5's — Part-time: L2 (Orpington) (18 hours)

Adult Services

Family Placement: L3 (Orpington) — a home finding scheme for handicapped or elderly people
Adult Team: L2/3 (Penge)
Beckenham Hospital: L3 to cover hospital unit.
Cane Hill Hospital, Coulsdon: L3 Secure Unit and L2 Social Work Team

Emergency Duty Team

Social Workers (SO2) approved under the Mental Health Act 1983, centrally based, to provide an out of hours emergency/crisis service. (REF: P190)

Whilst the London and Metropolitan Government Staff Commission has deemed this to be exempt from the ring fence procedure, applications from employees of the GLC or Metropolitan County Councils with relevant experience will particularly be welcome.

Please send for our information pack which is available from Head of Manpower Services, Civic Centre, Rochester Avenue, Bromley BR1 3UH. Tel: 01-290 0324 (24 hour answering service).

Closing date:— 9th August 1985.

London Borough Of Bromley

Social Worker

Cumbria

Level 1 £6,555 to £7,746. Level 2 £7,524 to £8,820. Level 3 £8,532 to £10,107. Level and starting salary dependent on experience and qualification.

This post specialises in services for the aged, the physically handicapped and with specific emphasis on mental health. You will be one of a Team of Social Workers serving a rural/coastal area of North Allerdale based at Wigton, a small market town some 12 miles south west of Carlisle.

COSW essential with probably 3 years post qualification experience.

You should have completed the SKILLMILL course or similar. Approved course or be prepared to do so.

Informal enquiries to Mrs. P.M. Dolan, Team Leader at Wigton 3238.

Further details and application forms from Assistant Director of Social Services, Park Lane, Workington, Cumbria CA14 2RR.

Closing date for applications 7th August, 1985.

Cumbria

ASSISTANT

Woodland Management Department.

The Deputy Director requires an assistant to take on administrative duties including liaison with the Trust's solicitors; the co-ordination of the Trust's tree planting programme; and the development of an information service on scientific, forestry and conservation matters.

Candidates should have a degree in an environmental or related subject and be able to demonstrate conservation knowledge, writing skills and the ability to give attention to detail.

This challenging new job provides an ideal opportunity for someone to pursue a career in conservation in an administrative capacity.

This post is grant aided by the Nature Conservancy Council. Salary negotiable up to £8,000 plus travel allowance. Please apply for a full job description and application form to:-

The Woodland Trust,
Autumn Park, Dysart Road,
Grantham,
Lincolnshire NG31 6LL.
Tel: (0476) 74297

the woodland trust

UNITED KINGDOM HOUSING TRUST

FINANCE MANAGER

ARLINGTON HOUSE

SALARY £12,500 - £14,000 incl.

Arlington House is an exciting hostel project in Camden housing 600 people which UKHT has been managing since 1983.

We are seeking to appoint a qualified accountant to join and participate in the senior management team. He/she will be responsible for preparing and controlling a revenue budget of approximately £2m, liaising with D.o.E., G.L.C., L.B. Camden, The Home Office (our funding bodies), maintaining all accounts records and systems and leading a small finance team. Experience in housing associations, hostel finance or voluntary sector funding would be an advantage.

For application please contact:

Clare Roberts,
Personnel Officer,
U.K.H.T.,
Poland House,
167 Oxford Street,
London W1R 1TA.
Tel. 01-434 2211.

U.K.H.T. welcomes all applications regardless of race, sex, age or marital status or sexual orientation.

Closing date 9th August 1985.

CATHOLIC HOUSING AID SOCIETY seeks

HOUSING ADVISOR

To provide housing advice and ongoing support to clients. Previous experience of housing and welfare rights desirable. Preference will be given to committed Christians, but other applicants are welcome. Salary negotiable in the range of £9,250 — £10,500.

For application form and further details write to **CHAS, 189a Old Brompton Road, London SW5 0AP.**

COMMUNITY WORK

Oxfordshire County Council

Education Department

COMMUNITY EDUCATION TRAINING OFFICER

Youth & Community Officer Main Range Points 5-9 (£11,748-£13,992)

To promote and implement programmes of training to contribute towards the development of community education. Applicants should have experience of youth and community and adult education. Tutor training, and a keen interest in staff development.

Further details and application forms obtainable from the Chief Education Officer, Macclesfield House, New Road, Oxford OX1 1NA. Closing date for receipt of applications: August 9, 1985.

Asian Resource Centre

needs

GENERAL/COMMUNITY WORKER/COORDINATOR

Post funded via Urban Aid knowledge of Asian Languages such as Sikhpuri essential

For details tel or write:

ARC, 101 Villa Road, Birmingham B19 1HH

(021) 523 8588/551 4518

city roads

(Crisis Intervention)

PRACTICE CO-ORDINATOR

is Hayton is leaving in November after 3½ years. We are looking for eone who will take on his work and develop his role.

are a residential crisis service for young drug users in the Greater ndon Area and are staffed by social workers and nurses and have the pport of a GP and psychiatrist and of our Administration. We offer nary health and social care, assessment and re-referral as ropriate. This post carries the responsibility of supervising and porting our staff monitoring all aspects of practice and assisting the ordinator with the overall responsibility of the project.

would be interested in meeting women and men who can think arly and negotiate under pressure, can bring humour, stamina and nusiasm to the work and have the ability to link practice with theory. job may interest people from a variety of backgrounds provided they e the qualities we are seeking. We think that Social Workers, Nurses rth and Community Workers or Teachers may have suitable erience.

ry: £11,916 – £13,056.

ou would like further details and an application form, g 01-837 2772/3 and speak either to Russ Hayton or mpi Ahadeff.

e closing date for completed applications is August 16. 1985.

CITY ROADS IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES EMPLOYER

Leicestershire

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

TEMPORARY RESEARCHER

(POLICY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BRANCH)

Salary £6,565 per annum (pay award pending).

Required for a period up to March 1987 to undertake work involved in extending existing intelligence on industrial and occupational trends in Leicestershire. The project is jointly commissioned with the Further Education Branch of the Education Department with the objective of improving and understanding of local industries' training requirements.

Candidates should preferably be planning graduates also having a background in either social sciences, business management, or economics. He/she should be capable of working on own initiative, should have had relevant experience or be able to demonstrate an understanding of business and industrial performance.

Application forms and further details obtainable by telephoning Leicester (0533) 871313, extension 7386, or by writing to the Director of Planning and Transportation, County Hall, Glenfield, Leicester LE3 8RJ.

Applications from disabled persons are welcome and any information received will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Closing date: Wednesday 7th August 1985.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES POLICY

Applications are welcome from suitably qualified and/or experienced people irrespective of race, ethnic origin, religion, sex, marital status or disability.

AMA ASSOCIATION OF METROPOLITAN AUTHORITIES

HOUSING RESEARCHER

This is a full-time appointment for up to 12 months from September 1985. The post holder will be responsible for the administration and report of the 1985 Greater London House Condition Survey. He/she will also prepare other reports and publications on housing issues and will be expected to support the day-to-day work of the Housing and Public Works Section.

Applicants should hold a relevant professional and/or academic qualification and have practical knowledge and experience of public housing.

Salary will be on the scale £11,500-£13,000 (inclusive) according to experience. Further details and application form from the Secretary, AMA, 36 Old Queen Street, London SW1H 9JE (telephone 01-222 8100). Closing date: 7 August 1985.

The Association is an equal opportunities employer

Welfare Officer

(Re-advertisement)

Salary £9,477 — £10,107
(pay award pending)

The Northamptonshire Police wish to recruit a person who will be committed to the welfare role within a police force. In addition to providing advice and guidance on all welfare matters and a number of administrative responsibilities relating to welfare funds and committees, will be undertaken.

Applicants must have had a wide experience in a welfare role in either a professional or voluntary capacity. Training or counselling skills is essential and a knowledge of state benefits would be an advantage.

An essential car allowance will be payable. Assistance with relocation expenses will be given in appropriate cases.

All previous applicants will be recognised. Those persons therefore need not re-apply.

Application should be made in writing for an application form and job description to the Civilian Personnel Officer, Northamptonshire Police, Wootton Hall, Northampton.

Closing date: 9th August, 1985.

Northamptonshire Police

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF Rochdale An Equal Opportunity Employer

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FROM THOSE WITH THE NECESSARY ATTRIBUTES REGARDLESS OF RACE, CREED, NATIONALITY, DISABILITY, AGE OR SEX

SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

TEMPORARY SOCIAL WORKER — EAST TEAM

Career SW1/3 £7,746-£10,718

Due to maternity leave a temporary vacancy has arisen for a Social Worker in the East Area Team for a period of approximately 9 months until April 1986.

The team covers a busy urban area of Rochdale serving a population of approximately 42,000. The work emphasises work with children and families on a patch work basis and experience of Court work is necessary.

We would welcome applications from qualified persons whose interest is in either full or part time work.

Casual user car mileage rates payable. Applicants must therefore possess a full current driving licence.

For further details and/or an informal discussion about the position please contact Gordon Cox, Area Social Work Manager, or John Greenbank, Senior Social Worker on Rochdale 47474 extensions 472 and 780 respectively.

Application forms available (Quote J33) from the Chief Personnel Officer, PO Box 68, Municipal Offices, Smith Street, Rochdale OL16 1AS (Tel 47474 Ext 351) to be received not later than August 9, 1985.

Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England

FIELD OFFICERS & FINDS ASSISTANTS

The Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England (popularly known as English Heritage) is an independent body devoted to ensuring the conservation and presentation of approximately 13,000 monuments which have been protected under the Ancient Monuments Act 1979.

The opportunities are based with English Heritage's Central Excavation Unit in **Portsmouth** where the work will entail extensive travel throughout England, for which you must have a full, valid UK driving licence and be prepared to use your own vehicle.

For all 4 posts, you should normally **already** have a degree with first or second class honours, or a degree awarded for post-graduate study or research, in archaeology or a closely related subject, but others will be considered if they have experience of special value. Membership of the Institute of Field Archaeologists would be an advantage.

FIELD OFFICER

2 Field Officers (graded Curator E) are needed to direct fieldwork projects, manage programmes of post-excavation work — involving the preparation of archives and reports for publication, and assist on excavation and post-excavation projects being undertaken by other Unit staff.

You must have extensive experience of archaeological fieldwork projects of various types and periods. You should preferably have directed excavations and published the results and have a working knowledge of the archaeological and historical background of sites, monuments and buildings of all periods.

Salary scale: £8450-£11265.
Starting salary according to qualifications and experience.

FINDS ASSISTANT

The tasks of these 2 posts (graded Curator F) include finds processing on site and post excavation processing. Work includes supervising casual assistants and volunteers and liaising with specialist staff.

You must have some experience in finds processing on projects of various types and periods. You should also normally have experience of archive preparation and processing material through to publication. You must possess, or be prepared to develop, a personal specialism in a class of material commonly occurring on archaeological sites.

Salary scale: £5300-£8915. Starting salary according to qualifications and experience.

English Heritage is an Equal Opportunities Employer. Its permanent staff will not be Civil Servants, although it has been decided that terms and conditions of employment will be broadly similar to those in the Civil Service.

For further details and an application form (to be returned by 14 August 1985) write to Civil Service Commission, Alencon Link, Basingstoke, Hants, RG21 1JB, or telephone Basingstoke (0256) 468551 (answering service operates outside office hours).

Please quote ref: G(23)382.

English Heritage

County of Cleveland

CLEVELAND COUNTY RESEARCH & INTELLIGENCE UNIT

Social Research Officer

Salary — up to £10,107 p.a.

Applications are invited for a post within the Research Division of the Unit. The person appointed will have an opportunity to contribute to policy development and review and to major research studies in a variety of fields, including unemployment and deprivation, education and social surveys. Initially the appointment will be on a three year contract.

Applicants should have research experience in a relevant field and the ability to work in an interdisciplinary environment. Equally important is the ability to cope with the requirements imposed by the needs of policy-makers and with changing circumstances and priorities.

Appointment will be made on the career grade £5,922-£10,107. A salary well above the minimum would be paid to a candidate with substantial relevant experience. Assistance is available towards relocation expenses in approved cases and temporary housing accommodation may also be available within the County area.

The unit provides a central resource for all departments of the County Council and for the four District Councils in Cleveland. The person appointed will be joining one of the best established local authority Research & Intelligence Units in the country.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS AND AN APPLICATION FORM WRITE TO THE DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH & INTELLIGENCE, *CLEVELAND COUNTY COUNCIL, REDE HOUSE,* 67 CORPORATION ROAD, MIDDLESBROUGH, CLEVELAND TS1 1LY, OR TELEPHONE (0642) 248155, ext. 2372. THE CLOSING DATE IS AUGUST 7, 1985.

SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

(DS133) Training Officer £8,532-£10,107

The Department is seeking a professionally qualified Social Work Practitioner to join the Training Section.

The successful candidate would act as a Study Supervisor for a number of staff undertaking the Certificate in Social Services. Additionally the office would be expected to contribute to the in-service programme of courses according to the needs of the Department and his/her area of expertise.

Applicants should have a recognised social work qualification (CQSW/CSS or other relevant qualification) and should have experience in teaching/training.

Assistance with removal and relocation expenses will be provided in approved cases and temporary housing accommodation may be also available within the County area.

JOB DESCRIPTIONS AND APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES, PO BOX 91, MARTON HOUSE, BOROUGH ROAD, MIDDLESBROUGH, CLEVELAND (TELEPHONE (0642) 245885 — 24 HOUR ANSWERING SERVICE). TO WHOM COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED BY AUGUST 9, 1985.

We are an equal opportunities employer.

CHARTERED ENGINEER?
JOIN AN ACHIEVING AUTHORITY AS AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
£18,500 +

The Engineering Department has been organised to meet the future changes that continually occur in an Inner London Borough. They are demanding and this could be your opportunity to join the Director and two other Assistant Directors to complete this forward looking team.

You will have a budget of £7m which includes responsibility for our contracts on highways and transport. We thrive on challenge, innovation and being first on new projects — computerised and video highways inventories are examples.

A high degree of commitment to lead a strong team and the ability to communicate well with Council Members, top management both internal and external are essential qualifications.

In addition to the competitive salary, benefits include loans for car purchase, allowances for travel, generous resettlement arrangements (if applicable) and up to six weeks annual leave.

Further details and application forms are available from Lorna Garrett, Directorate of Engineering, Town Hall Extension, King Street, London W6 9JU. Telephone 01-748 3020 extension 3090.

For an informal discussion contact Gerald Wilkinson, Assistant Director on 01-748 3020 ext. 3004 — he can tell you all about this challenging post.

This post is subject to the LMGSC 'Ring Fence' procedure. All applications are welcome but GLC and Metropolitan staff will be considered first.

Hammersmith & Fulham *An Equal Opportunity Employer*

HOUSING MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT
PRIORITY ESTATES PROJECT IN WALES
UP TO £16,000 pa

The Priority Estates Project is a new initiative in public housing sponsored by the Welsh Office. A team of 2 consultants, associates and support staff is currently working on projects in association with three local authorities. Each project involves setting up an autonomous management and maintenance service on a difficult to manage council estate. It is intended to expand this programme of work over the next twelve months.

Applicants are sought for the task of establishing several new Priority Estates Projects with local authorities in Wales on their unpopular estates.

The successful applicant must show
- — an ability to introduce major change
- — an understanding of public sector organisations
- — an ability to grasp budgeting procedures
- — an awareness of the role of residents in local projects

and — excellent communication skills

A consultancy contract of one year is envisaged renewable for a second year with the possibility of further extensions.

For further details contact Mrs L I Thompson on Cardiff 824721.

Applications with CV and the names of 2 referees should be sent to Mrs L I Thompson, Housing Division, Welsh Office, Cardiff CF1 3NQ by Monday 19 August 1985

West Midlands County Council

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UNIT

The West Midlands has 1 in 3 people living in poverty, and the highest number of supplementary benefit claimants in the country.

The County Council is tackling these problems by:
- Setting up the first REGIONAL LOW PAY UNIT in the country.
- WELFARE RIGHTS CAMPAIGNS which have so far brought in an extra £2 million per annum in unclaimed benefits.
- Being in the forefront in advocating major changes in the Social Security System and a MINIMUM WAGE for the County Area.

We are now seeking to appoint a:

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES OFFICER

Salary up to £11,562 — Post Ref. ED 80

Responsible for co-ordinating and developing a wide range of initiatives in the above field with commitment and enthusiasm. Applicants should have project management experience at a senior level together with experience of local government systems (directly or indirectly). A good knowledge of the relevant legislation would be a particular advantage. Starting salary will be dependent upon experience.

"This post is subject to the LMGSC ring-fence procedure, with their agreement it is now being offered on an unrestricted basis. Applications are particularly invited from employees of the GLC and MCCs".

For an application form, write or telephone, quoting post reference number, to:
County Personnel Officer, West Midlands County Council, County Hall, 1 Lancaster Circus, Queensway, Birmingham B4 7DJ. Telephone No. 021-300 7825.
A 24-hour telephone answering service is in operation.
Closing date for receipt of applications: 7th August, 1985.
"The County Council has a positive Equal Opportunities Policy to ensure that all applicants are treated fairly". All posts are open to female and male applicants, especially from those presently not in paid employment.

Physical Planner
(£9,672 - £10,680)

We are seeking an experienced planner to join the Development Corporation's Physical Planning Group.

The successful applicant will undertake a range of project work including the operation and analysis of small scale surveys which will be used to develop land use policy.

The person we are looking for should have sufficient knowledge to provide professional and technical advice on development control and advertisement regulations, be ideally qualified to degree standard, and should have 2-3 years relevant planning experience including some experience in local planning and development control.

We offer excellent conditions of service including free life assurance, a choice of superannuation schemes, around 5½ weeks annual leave, a car loan scheme and a generous relocation package.

Detailed applications in the form of a C.V. should be sent to the Personnel Manager, quoting Ref: G/916, by no later than 5 August, 1985.

Milton Keynes Development Corporation
Saxon Court, 502 Avebury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes MK9 3HS

GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Salary — £21,636 — £23,175
(Under Local Review)

Social Services in Gateshead have an established record of nationally recognised initiatives and developments in the social work field, specifically in the application of new technology and support for research. As a progressive inner-city authority, the Council is committed to developing the provision of its services to the community to meet the increasing demands of today's society. The Director of Social Services has a key role in meeting this objective.

The Director will be a member of the Council's Management Team and will lead a department employing approximately 2,000 people, with a gross budget of £14m. In seeking to make this appointment, the Council will obviously be looking for high professional standards. However, the task of matching growing needs to available resources will also require the successful candidate to provide strong management leadership, both to the department and within the Authority as a whole.

The Council has accepted in principle the need to restructure the Social Services Department, an exercise which the new Director should expect to lead. In addition, the Council is developing an area-based approach to the delivery and co-ordination of services generally.

Applications forms and further particulars are available from:-

The Director of Personnel and Management Services, 7th Floor, Aidan House, Tynegate Precinct, Sunderland Road, Gateshead, NE8 3EL. Tel: (091) 477 0612 and 477 3069.

The closing date for applications is Monday 19th August 1985.

We are an equal opportunities employer and welcome applications from candidates of any age, disability, marital status, race or sex.

Field Co-ordinators Thailand and West Africa

Voluntary Service Overseas is a development charity with more than 1000 skilled volunteers working in over 40 of the world's less developed countries.

We are seeking 2 Field Co-ordinators to identify and evaluate new projects, represent VSO with Government officials and provide support for volunteers. The Thailand post, based in Bangkok, will be continuing an existing large and varied programme. The second post, initially based in Freetown, will support the Sierra Leone field office and have specific responsibility for developing a programme in Liberia.

These are challenging posts and applicants should be over 28 with a sound understanding of development principles and excellent communication skills. Applicants should be single and available to start training in October for Thailand and December for Sierra Leone. Good health, a driving licence and willingness to work unsocial hours are essential. Previous experience of relevant overseas work will be an advantage.

Contracts are for 2 years plus one month training in London. Allowances are comparable with VSO volunteers plus £2500 per annum. Flights, accommodation, medical cover and transport are provided.

VSO is working overseas

VSO is an equal opportunities employer

For further details contact **Alison Peach, VSO, 9 Belgrave Square, London, SW1X 8PW. Tel: 01-235 5191, as soon as possible.** Closing date 2 August 1985.

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ilea Inner London Education Authority

Divisional Education Officer
(Division 8) Southwark

Salary £21,933-£23,661
(Including London Weighting)

RE-ADVERTISEMENT

Following the retirement of the present post holder applications are invited for this senior post.

ILEA schools and the education welfare service are organised in 10 divisions. Divisional Education Officers carry major responsibility for the interpretation and implementation of the Authority's policies.

Candidates should be skilled administrators with wide knowledge and experience of the education service. The successful candidate will be able to make a direct and important contribution to the quality of education in Inner London.

Application forms and full details of the post are available from Establishment Branch (Personnel Services Division) (EO/Estab.1b), The County Hall, London SE1 7PB. The closing date for return of completed applications is August 9, 1985.

ILEA IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES EMPLOYER

ENGLISH HERITAGE ARCHAEOLOGICAL

POST-EXCAVATION STAFF REQUIRED

Three posts, fee-paid, based at Wroxetor, to work on material from the site.

(1) Records Processor
(2) Pottery Cataloguer
(3) Draughtsperson

Initial period one month from September 30, extendable by half-yearly contracts.

Applications with c.v. to: **Dr. Webster, c/o The Post Office, Wroxetor, Shrewsbury.**

CENTRAL COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION & TRAINING IN SOCIAL WORK

Administrative Assistant (LEEDS)

Salary up to £8280 p.a.

CCETSW is the independent U.K. statutory body, responsible for promoting education and training for work in the personal social services. It approves and reviews courses, issues qualifications and other awards, and is involved in extensive developmental activity.

The Assistant to be appointed will work closely with the Regional Principal. The main duties include information gathering, analysis and report writing, administering meetings, seminars, short courses and other events. The postholder will also assist with organising and maintaining record and reference systems in conjunction with the Regional Admin. Officer.

The successful applicant will have a degree or equivalent qualification and previous administrative experience, ideally gained in a Social Services or educational setting. He or she will be mature and possess proven organisational, administrative and communicative skills. The ability to service meetings and the freedom to travel as required are essential. Experience of key-boarding and the use of audio-visual aids would be an advantage. Located in well appointed premises in the centre of Leeds, we offer 22 days annual leave plus 4 privilege days and index-linked pension scheme.

For further information and an application form, contact Personnel, CCETSW, Derbyshire House, St. Chad's Street, London, WC1H 8AD (01 278 2455 Ext. 236). Closing date for completed applications: Friday 9th August, 1985

CCETSW

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE
Two Staff vacancies

FIELD OFFICERS FOR LESOTHO AND SWAZILAND

IVS aims to assist development by recruiting technically and professionally experienced people to work on two year contracts with governments, communities and groups in the Third World.

The Field Officers will administer and develop the IVS Volunteer Programmes in Lesotho and Swaziland respectively and provide volunteer support.

Applicants should have: previous overseas experience, preferably as a volunteer; knowledge of southern African affairs; administrative and other relevant skills.

Terms include modest salary, housing, insurance, field office vehicle and all expenses. Annual visits to the UK.

Two stage selection procedure, leading to appointment in October/November.

Details and application form from Overseas Department, IVS, 53 Regent Road, Leicester LE1 6YL. Tel (0533) 541862. Closing date for applications: 3rd August.

Our Housing Department faces all the challenges of a large urban centre. Its 200 staff are involved in a wide range of new and exciting projects.

Training Specialist
Part-Time

You will work hours to suit, but not less than 20 a week, as part of a professional personnel team. You will concentrate exclusively on implementing and developing the training programme of the Housing Department.

Preference will be given to graduates with a further qualification in personnel management and at least two years experience in training.

Salary will depend upon the hours worked. A full-time Officer at a similar level can earn up to £10,000 p.a. Our grades are all under review.

Please telephone Brighton 29801 Ext. 667 for an application form, to be returned to the Personnel Officer, 1 Prince Albert Street, Brighton, by 9 August 1985.

Borough of Brighton

BANKS OF THE WEAR
CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING SERVICES LTD.

FINANCE WORKER
£11,140 per annum

Banks of the Wear C.H.S. is a Secondary Housing Co-operative promoting co-operative housing in North East England.

We are looking for a Finance Worker to join our existing team of 12 workers, replacing the previous postholder who has recently been appointed as Director of a Glasgow-based Housing Association.

This is a key position in the organisation, with overall responsibility for:
1. Financial administration, accounting and reporting.
2. Financial advice and training to housing co-operatives.
3. Development finance and administration.
4. Some general administration.

We need an accountant; not necessarily qualified, but preferably with experience of the financial aspects of the HAG system. She/he must also be able to work directly with housing co-ops, passing on financial information and skills to their members.

For further information and job description, ring Pete Duncan or Paul Bayman on Sunderland 78856.

Applications, giving full details of qualifications and experience, must reach us at 25 Peel Street, Hendon, Sunderland, by Friday, August 9, 1985.

This is a readvertisement — previous applicants need not reapply.

DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OFFICER

Applicants for this Senior Post may be clerical or lay, male or female. Beyond the traditional role of servicing the committees of the Diocesan Council for Social Responsibility and promoting educational work on social issues within the diocese, the Officer will develop relations between the Church and City Structures. He/she will work ecumenically.

The successful applicant may be on the staff of the Cathedral and have an association with a department of the University. For further details contact: The Diocesan Secretary, The Diocesan Office, 175 Harborne Park Road, Birmingham B17 0BH. Closing date: Friday 30th August 1985, 10 a.m.

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE VACANCIES IN THE THIRD WORLD

IVS sends skilled people for two-year appointments to work for development and self-reliance in the Third World. We are looking for qualified and experienced people to work on a modest living allowance in

Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique and Swaziland

Current requirements: architects, planners, civil engineers, foresters, agriculturalists, metal workshop manager/technician, business training officer printed textiles crafts instructor; building trades instructor; doctors, nurse tutors, occupational/physio therapist, medical lab technicians; accountant; teachers — science, maths, geography, EFL, remedial, primary, and pre-school/infant for health education; Day Care Centre Manager/Instructor.

Two year contract including modest living allowance and flights. Regret no funding for dependants. Applicants must be resident in the UK or Ireland.

For further details send short c.v. and large s.a.e. to Rose Gorringe, Dept. G25, International Voluntary Service, 53 Regent Road, Leicester LE1 6YL.

NORTHERN ARTS

CRAFTS OFFICER

re-advertisement

The Regional Arts Association for the North East and Cumbria seeks an officer responsible for crafts activity, offering advice to makers and developing schemes to further public interest and participation.

Salary range (PO scale): £10,716 to £13,326. Closing date: 30.8.85

Further details from
NORTHERN ARTS, 10 OSBORNE TERRACE, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE2 1NZ. Tel: (091) 281 6334

ADMINISTRATION

LEWISHAM AND NORTH SOUTHWARK HEALTH AUTHORITY

ADMINISTRATOR
BLOOD TRANSFUSION UNIT

Salary: £8,821-£10,515 inclusive (pay review pending).

Experienced Administrator able to manage this Unit which provides a blood collection service for S.E. Thames Region. You will have good organisational skills and be capable of working without direct supervision. Some working knowledge of large organisations preferably NHS would be an advantage.

For informal inquiries contact: Dr J. Kemp, Medical Director on 01-690 4311, ext. 6439.

For further information and application form contact: Personnel Department, Lewisham Hospital, High Street, London SE13 6LH. Tel. 01-690 7255.

Closing date: August 7 1985.

YOUTH SERVICES

YOUTH WORKER or CHAPLAIN
in Bramley, Leeds

A member of the Parish Staff Team to work with unattached youth. Christian commitment and youth work experience vital. Circa £8,000 pa. For details apply to: Malcolm Stonestreet, St Peter's Vicarage, Hough Lane, Leeds 13.

SOLON WANDSWORTH HOUSING ASSOCIATION
requires a

HOUSING MANAGEMENT WORKER

to share with four others the management of 580 fair-rented units and another 180 presently under development.

We expect the new worker to be an enthusiastic and effective member of our collective, familiar with all aspects of housing management in a local, community based housing association and able to maintain effective priorities in a wide-ranging, heavy workload.

We have equal pay of £11,920 with 30 days annual leave.

People who wish to job-share may apply.

SWHA IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES EMPLOYER.

Please write or telephone for an application form and further details from:
Marion Robey
Solon Wandsworth Housing Association
49a Lavender Hill, London SW11
01-223 7376

The closing date for applications is Saturday 10 August 1985.

Assistant Director of Social Services

(Residential and Day Care Services)

P.O.7 £17,097 — £18,228 p.a.

This senior post is in a department which employs over 2,000 staff and administers an annual budget in excess of £25 million.

You will join the Director and his Management Team, and be responsible for the management of the Residential and Day Care Services Division based at Cumberland Road, Wood Green, N22 4SG. *This is one of four divisions within* the Social Services Department with a total budget of £11 million responsible for approximately 40 establishments and 800 staff.

You should possess senior managerial experience much of which should have been in a Social Services or related environment. You should be aware of the issues and problems facing a Social Services department in a busy London Borough. You must be self motivated, able to take on responsibility and display initiative in running a major operational service. You will need to develop good working relationships at all levels, including other agencies, and demonstrate the ability to manage change, particularly at a time of conflict between Central and Local Government. You must also demonstrate the ability to motivate a multi-disciplinary and widely dispersed staff group.

Haringey is a borough which displays many problems normally associated with Inner City areas. It is also an area containing several different minority ethnic communities.

You will need to possess the ability to develop services and change priorities in order to meet the competing and varied demand and be sensitive to the changes necessary in order to provide better and more comprehensive services. In particular, you must be committed to the pursuit of Equal Opportunities, able to put such policies into practice and monitor their effectiveness.

If you feel you meet this specification and are able to meet the considerable demands of this post, please ask for an application form and further particulars. We would particularly welcome applications from individuals from minority ethnic communities, women and disabled people, as they are under-represented.

Informal inquiries to David Townsend, Director of Social Services. Tel: 01-881 3000, ext. 3363.

Application forms and job descriptions from Director of Social Services, 40 Cumberland Road, N22, tel. 01-881 3000, ext. 3795 quoting reference number G/735.

Closing date: 16th August, 1985.

Haringey
Progress with humanity

Haringey is an equal opportunity employer. We welcome your application which will be considered on merit, irrespective of race, marital status, sex or any disability you may have.

Recreational Services Department

Landscape Assistant (Design) Temporary

Scale 4/5 (£6,555 to £8,262 pay award pending)

Initially to be employed for a period of six months. Duties and responsibilities include landscape design, preparation of contract documents, bills of quantities and specifications and site supervision.

Desirable qualifications include either a degree in a related subject, N.D.H. or I.L.A.M. However, applications from Candidates studying for professional qualifications and/or experienced in landscape work will be welcome. Full driving licence essential.

Application form from The Personnel Section, Recreational Section, 2 Southcombe Walk, Manchester M15 5NW. Tel: 061-226 0131 Extns. 238/239.

Town Clerk and Chief Executive's Department

Data Protection Officer

£11,259/£12,243 (pay award pending)

This newly established post will be responsible for ensuring that all departments of the City Council are aware of their responsibilities under the Data Protection Act 1984, the co-ordination of procedures including registration and liaison with Trade Unions.

We welcome applications from people who are capable of working with the minimum of direction and of implementing the Act in the context of a local authority committed to freedom of information. Whilst no specific professional qualification is required the successful applicant will need to possess considerable analytical and organisational skills and will probably have knowledge and or experience of the type of computer applications within a large local authority.

Application forms and job descriptions are available from the Staff Office, Town Clerk's Department, Town Hall, Manchester M60 2LA (telephone 061-234 3078), returnable by 16th August, 1985.

Town Clerk's Department
Legal and Parliamentary Section

Assistant Solicitor

SO2/PO3 (£10,404/£13,326) pay award pending

General Legal Group

Applicants, preferably with some post-qualification experience in local government should be capable of representing the City Council in the Magistrates and County Courts and at public inquiries and of offering under supervison wide-ranging legal advice to the City Council's Departments. *Applications, by letter, giving all relevant details, together with the names* and addresses of two referees, should be sent to the Staff Officer, Town Clerk's Department, P.O. Box 532, Town Hall, Manchester M60 2LA, to be received not later than 9th August, 1985.

Starting salary negotiable within the above range.

The City Council operates a Union Membership Agreement under which a new employee is required to become a member of a recognised Trade Union.

MANCHESTER City Council

Manchester City Council is an Equal Opportunity Employer, and we positively welcome applications from women and men, regardless of their racial, ethnic or national origin, disability, age, sexuality, or responsibilities for dependants.

LLEWELYN-DAVIES WEEKS

PLANNER IN PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

Applications are invited for the post of Senior Consultant Planner in Primary Health Care from persons with *previous experience.*

The work involves overseas travel and candidates should have the capacity to market the service which will be offered. Specifically this will concern maintaining contacts with international funding agencies and officials *of overseas governments.*

The post has a senior status in a practice covering most aspects of health and hospital planning including medical equipment consultancy work and which is itself part of Llewelyn-Davies Weeks, an architectural, town planning and *health service consultant firm.*

Salary and conditions of service relate to experience — application with C.V. to Mr P.A. Steele, Director, Llewelyn-Davies Weeks, Brook House, Torrington Place, London WC1E 7HN. 01-637 0181.

KENSINGTON HOUSING TRUST

SENIOR ASSISTANT HOUSING MANAGER

£9,780 — £11,355 inclusive of London Weighting

We are seeking an experienced housing officer to deputise for the area housing manager in the *management of 1,000 tenancies in North* Kensington. Responsibilities include arrears control, maintenance and the management of 2 housing assistants and 9 caretakers.

Application forms (to be returned by 31st July) from:

The Deputy Director, Kensington Housing Trust, 354 Portobello Road, W10. 01-960 5544

THE LEAVING CARE ADVISORY SERVICE

PROJECT LEADER

FIRST KEY, which is a small, national, voluntary agency, is currently seeking to appoint its first Project Leader.

It needs a person with sound management and communication experience to further develop the work of the Regional Officers and the project.

An awareness and understanding of the issues concerning young people leaving care would be an advantage.

Salary £11,681 to £13,739 including London Weighting (under review).

Application form and details from.

Closing date: 14th August, 1985.

Interviews on: 5th September, 1985.

First Key
Hartley House
Green Walk
London SE1 4TY
Telephone 01-378 7441

HOUSING SERVICE

Deputy Director of Housing (Public Sector) Special C

Salary £20,040 to £21,684 p.a. inc LW supplements plus £1,206 lump sum car allowance

This new post has been created following a re-organisation of the *Senior Management structure* of the Department. The Deputy Director is responsible for all the public sector activities in this comprehensive housing service which include private sector housing functions and Environmental Health.

The Deputy Director (Public Services) will have overall responsibility for co-ordinating the activities of this Division which include allocations, homelessness, estate management and repairs, maintenance of the Council stock. The job requires a high degree of management skill, the ability to cope under pressure and a commitment to finding solutions for resolving the housing problems of the Borough.

The successful applicant will be sympathetic to the needs of a Borough which has the highest proportion of ethnic minorities in the Country and will understand the importance of working closely with tenants' organisations and other voluntary groups.

Application forms and job description from the Personnel Division, Room 1, Brent Town Hall Annexe, Kings Drive, Wembley, Middlesex HA9 9BR, returnable 19th August. Telephone: 01-903 0371 (24-hour Ansafone service). Reference number H/807 must be quoted.

London Borough of
BRENT *Brent is an Equal Opportunity Employer*

COMMUNITY & VOLUNTARY SERVICES

is a section of Croydon Social Services Department formed as a partnership between the Borough and the District Health Authority

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER (Asian Community)

£9,189-£10,764 (dependent on experience and qualifications. Salary includes £657 London Weighting)

An experienced Community Worker is needed to complete a *new team of Community Development Officers within the* Community and Voluntary Services Section.

The C.D.O. will help identify and respond to community needs and encourage the development of self-help initiatives. She/he will also assist the Asian community to influence the local authority policies which affect it.

An understanding of the Asian experience in Britain is essential and communication in the languages of Hindi and or Gujarati and/or Urdu is desirable.

Experience in community development is essential and candidates should preferably have a relevant community work qualification. Related qualifications will be considered if accompanied by appropriate experience.

Closing date: August 9, 1985.

Application forms, background material and job descriptions available from Social Services, Staffing Section, London Borough of Croydon, Room 2, 25 Taberner House, Park Lane, Croydon. Tel. 01-686 4433, ext. 2377.

This post is exempt from LMGSC procedures but applications from employees of the GLC or MCC with relevant experience will be welcome.

CROYDON
An equal opportunity employer

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intermediate technology Development

ECONOMIST

The Intermediate Technology Development Group is recruiting an Economist for the Group's interests in small scale industries, including textiles, sugar and building materials. ITDG specialises in the introduction of new technologies to meet the needs of Third World countries seeking to achieve long-term development through financially viable *productive enterprises.*

The successful applicant should have three years relevant overseas experience, preferably working with small industries in rural areas. A first degree in Economics or Business Studies is essential and a post-graduate qualification in development economics would be desirable. The post is located in the UK (Rugby) with frequent visits overseas. Salary scale £9-12,000 but applicants should place *higher value on job satisfaction than financial* reward.

For full job description send CV to: **Mr. A. Mallett, Administrator, ITDG, Myson House, Railway Terrace, Rugby CV21 3HT.** *Previous applicants* need not apply.

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

HEAD OF PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Projects spearhead NCVO's activities in promoting new ways in which voluntary organisations can help to tackle social disadvantage and respond effectively to social issues. Currently projects are concerned with employment, training, community care and community health issues. Staff work with a wide range of organisations, including women's and ethnic minority groups. This member of the senior management team will *therefore need to have experience of the voluntary sector, of handling* social policy issues and of effective management.

Salary scale: £13,506-£16,363 + £1,365 London Weighting pa.

Write to the Personnel Officer for further details and application form.

Closing date for completed applications 21 August, 1985.

NCVO IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES EMPLOYER.

NCVO
NCVO National Council for Voluntary Organisations
26 Bedford Square London WC1B 3HU 01-636 4066

Team Leaders Mental Health (2 posts)

THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER 1585 CELEBRATION 1985

Salary £11,355 to £12,273 p.a. inclusive (under review)

We are seeking suitably experienced and professionally qualified workers for the following posts:

1) Community Mental Health Team

42 Queen's Gardens, W2

(Ref. SS96)

This team offers a specialist mental health service which includes the supervision of mentally ill adults in a wide variety of settings—group homes, flat shares, minimally supported hostel, community day care programmes and clubs.

The methods of work range widely within the team and include low key support, intensive individual work, group work, family therapy, sexual awareness, counselling, social skills training, assertiveness training as well as crisis intervention.

The design of the team's work is structured on a core and cluster model with the low-support hostel acting as the core and the plethora of other activities as the cluster. This has proved to be a highly successful model and is subject to detailed research.

You will have a strong commitment to and experience of working with mentally ill people in and towards the community.

2) Mental Health Hostel

96 Cambridge Street, SW1

(Ref. SS97)

In the past, the hostel has been a traditional medium-stay residential unit for the mentally ill. Experience from elsewhere has demonstrated that this is possibly not the best way to organise the service and the staff of the unit are developing alternative options for the future.

The Department's mental health services are moving towards a core and cluster system of provision together with the Approved Social Work service across traditional hospital area and residential boundaries. You will need to have ideas on the organisation of the service and experience of working with the mentally ill both within and towards the community. Equally important is the *ability to implement change.*

* For both posts you will be required to undergo ASW training and participate in the Departmental ASW service. If shortlisted you will be required to spend some time with the team prior to formal interview- probably one day and *evening.*

To discuss either post please contact Marie Seaton—Team Leader, Lupus Street Community Mental Health Centre on 01-834 8494, or Ben Bedi—Manager (Mental Health) on 01-798 2430 or 01-299 1547 (evening).

Temporary Team Leader

Area 2 Westminster Social Services

(Ref. SS100)

Salary £12,507-£13,491 inclusive (pro-rata) 16 hours

A part-time Temporary Team Leader is required from the end of July while the postholder is on maternity leave. This Team Leader is part of a group who manage the social workers and admin staff providing a service to the *residents of St John's Wood Church Street and Lisson* Green. The population is very mixed with high proportions of elderly and families. You should preferably have had some previous experience of managing a team. Skills and an interest in short-term work are essential. Applications welcomed from members of ethnic minorities.

For informal discussion please contact Joan de Silva, Deputy Area Manager, on 01-486 5711.

Applications from employees of the GLC and MCCs with relevant experience will be welcome.

To obtain application form please send postcard, telephone or call at the Personnel Management Division (quoting the appropriate reference number), P.O. Box 240, WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL, City Hall, Victoria Street, SW1E 6QP, telephone number 01-834 5958 (24-hour Ansafone service). Closing date: 12th August, 1985.

Liverpool Housing Trust

The Trust is one of the country's largest inner-city housing associations with a substantial and diverse *development programme.*

Assistant Director Technical Services

to c. £18,000 plus car

We are looking for someone with *commitment* and drive to join our senior management team and manage our Technical Services Department. They will be responsible for property and land buying, programme planning, in-house architectural services, and the building works programme.

The Department has a staff of over 30 and this year's £6m programme includes new build, rehab special needs housing, enveloping and agency work.

Applicants should have extensive knowledge and experience of the building process and be appropriately qualified. The successful candidate is likely to be aged 30-45, with a background of project management at a senior level and a track record which demonstrates strong general management skills.

Closing date for applicants — 9th August, 1985.

LHT particularly welcomes applications from ethnic minorities, women and disabled persons.

LHT

David Bebb
Director
Liverpool Housing Trust
35-37 Bold Street
Liverpool L1 4DN
051-708 5777

THE INSTITUTE OF HOUSING

REQUIRE AN

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The Institute is the foremost professional body for those working in the housing service. We require an administrative assistant to join a small team, working in our London (Belgravia) offices.

The main responsibilities will be maintenance of computer records and dealing with correspondence. Experience in this type of work preferable; however we will consider training a young person with good educational qualifications and some administrative *experience.*

Excellent opportunity to gain computer knowledge and experience in a busy forward-looking administrative section, using the most up to date technology.

Salary up to £7,500 pa according to qualifications and *experience. Leave 20 days per annum + 4 extra statutory* days. Contributory pension scheme. Hours 9-5. Please ring 01-245 9933 for further details and an application form, or send detailed CV for the attention of **Mrs J. Jagger, The Institute of Housing, 12 Upper Belgrave Street, London SW1 X8BA.**

WEST KIRBY CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

PART-TIME ORGANISER

This busy Wirral Bureau requires an energetic enthusiastic person to continue and develop the work of the bureau.

The successful applicant will need to demonstrate proven ability and experience in advice work and will have the capacity to manage a team of voluntary workers.

Hours: Twenty-five per week.

Salary: Local Authority Scale 5 pro rata (£5,083-£5,562 per annum, pay award pending).

Application Forms: NACAB Area Office, 36 Bolton Street, Liverpool L3 6LX. Telephone 051-708 8752. Closing date: August 19, 1985.

Citizens Advice Bureau

St. Andrew's Hospital NORTHAMPTON

This small Social Work Department in an independent hospital is looking for

TWO SOCIAL WORKERS

to enable us to provide continued social work service to new and developing treatment units. We would welcome applications from *all interested and qualified social workers.* Hospital social work or mental health experience could be an advantage.

The two social workers would be appointed as follows:

PSYCHOGERIATRIC AND LONG STAY WARDS:

Because of new innovations in our approach to the care of our elderly patients and the possibility of short term assessment and treatment facilities we want to appoint, for the first time, a social worker with sole responsibility for this area. The person appointed will have a strong interest in and commitment to working with mental health problems in the elderly patient. We expect to be able to offer good support to families and as we have a country wide catchment area some travel will be necessary. Casual car user allowance available.

BEHAVIOURAL UNITS INCLUDING PRE-HOSTEL/ COMMUNITY UNIT:

Our social workers already have considerable involvement with the predominantly younger age group in *our behaviour modification and preparation* for community living units. As a further behavioural management unit for long stay patients is to be opened shortly it is proposed to group these units as the responsibility of one social worker. This work involves participation in the rehabilitation of the behaviourally disturbed, involving contact with families whenever possible and liaison with social service departments and health authorities. As young people are referred from all over the country to these units some travel may be involved and casual car user allowance is available.

St. Andrew's Hospital is a 400-bed private charity with over a 100-year history of psychiatric care involving a wide range of approaches to treatment. *Social work is well established in this progressive* hospital and the five qualified social workers in post are welcome members of interdisciplinary teams. The salary scale for both posts will be at the appropriate point of the Level II to Level III range commensurate with post qualification experience.

For further information, informal discussion and application forms please contact **Mary Lees, Principal Social Worker, 0604-23696, ext. 203.**

Closing date for applications August 23 1985.

THE EFFRA TRUST

ASSISTANT PROJECT WORKERS

Salary Scale NJC Point 21 (£7,065 + L.W.) — under review

The Effra Trust provides long-term supportive accommodation for male epileptic ex-offenders and others suffering from physical or psychiatric disabilities. The Hostel staff team is expanding due to the requirements of The Registered Homes Act 1984.

We are seeking to appoint two assistant project workers who will be responsible for the *day-to-day running of one of our houses and for liaison with other agencies, volunteers etc.* Both posts are non-residential, staff are expected to be on call on a rota basis at evenings and weekends.

The Management Committee are looking for staff with the confidence, commitment and flair to work effectively in this unique project. A Social Work qualification and/or experience of working with offenders would be an advantage but not essential.

Further details are available from **Jane Branston, Project Leader, 45 Effra Road, London SW2 1BZ. Tel.: 01-326 1013.**

Closing date for applications: 14th August, 1985.

Formal interviews will be held in the week beginning 2nd September, 1985.

COME AND JOIN US! DEPUTY PRINCIPAL CARE OFFICER REQUIRED

Lingfield Hospital School caters for the educational, social and medical needs of 290 children with epilepsy, learning difficulties and other problems. It is situated in 250 acres of Surrey countryside and residential provision for the children is made during the academic year in 16 houses and hostels which are managed by a keen and dedicated team of 115 house staff.

The position of Deputy Principal Care Officer is one of major responsibility within the multi-disciplinary team and is a challenging and demanding post. Applicants will be expected to be energetic, have considerable experience in residential child care, hold a social work qualification and have undergone post-graduate studies.

A three-bedroomed semi-detached modern bungalow is provided at a reasonable rental.

Salary (award pending) £12,243 to £13,668 plus London Weighting £192 plus allowances of £2,484 for additional duties.

Further particulars and application forms from Mr G. Loney, Principal Care Officer, **Lingfield Hospital School, St Piers Lane, Lingfield, Surrey RH7 6PW. (0342) 832243.** Please enclose a large S.A.E.

GREENWICH ASSOCIATION OF DISABLED PEOPLE

ASSISTANT ORGANISER

The Greenwich Association of Disabled People is a well established representative voluntary agency which promotes integration of disabled people and equal opportunities by actively campaigning on issues such as Access, Housing, Employment, Education etc. We are seeking an Assistant to the Organiser, salary £7,524 — £8,262 (plus Outer London Weighting).

Post is urban aid funded for two years.

We are looking for someone with a good educational background and some previous work experience. They will need to have a sound knowledge of benefits available to people with disabilities, be able to prepare, analyse and precis reports and be able to type them on occasion.

Preference will be given to suitably skilled disabled candidates.

Job description and application form available from: The Organiser, G.A.D., St. Mary's Church, Greenlaw Street, Woolwich SE18 5AR

G.A.D. is an Equal Opportunity Employer

STONHAM HOUSING ASSOCIATION

SENIOR WORKER HOSTEL FOR GIRLS (TELFORD)

The Telford Christian Council Homelessness Project has now extended its operation by the opening of a hostel for 9 girls. They require a Senior Worker of proven ability to give emotional and practical support to the residents, to manage the house and develop its procedures and objectives. The post is residential and a rent-free flat is provided. Salary £7,524 p.a. Closing date 16th August, 1985.

Application form and further details from:

Stonham Housing Association
Imperial House
Southwood Lane
Cheltenham
GL50 2QH
Tel.: 0242 528778

AMERICAN SOCIAL WORK PROGRAMME

Applications are invited for (a) 4 month or (b) 13 month Social Work programme in the U.S. beginning April, 1986.

Applicants must be 23 to 40 years, professional Social Workers, Youth Workers, or special *teachers of the handicapped.*

Programme includes 10 weeks' *year full-time field work with* human services organisation and homestay.

Finance: applicant provides *air fare, personal expenses and $400* registration fee.

$40 weekly pocket-money provided.

Application deadline 23rd August.

Forms and more information obtainable from: AMERICAN EMBASSY, PAOIC, (CIP PROGRAMME), 24 Grosvenor Square, London W1A 2LH.

Nucleus Advice Centre in Earls Court requires a locum

LEGAL ADVISOR/ ADVICE WORKER

for about 6 weeks *starting immediately.* Salary negotiable.

Please ring and discuss it: 01-373 1379 298 Old Brompton Road, SW5

Assistant Director

Bisham Abbey National Sports Centre Nr. Marlow, Bucks

The duties include day-to-day responsibility for administration matters, residential and non-residential bookings, preparation of annual budgets, personnel matters relating to weekly paid staff as well as ensuring that optimum use is made of all the Centre's facilities. The *successful candidate will also need to act as a duty officer* and undertake public relations work.

Sound administrative experience, including knowledge of finance and budgeting, is essential. Relevant professional qualifications in administration or recreational *management would be an advantage.*

This is a non-resident post.

Salary scale from approx. £11,102 to £14,059 p.a. including allowance for weekend and evening duties and pension allowance.

Further details and application forms from: Miss Michelle Pinnock (quoting ref: 85/14/BA), Personnel Unit, The Sports Council, 16 Upper Woburn Place, London WC1H 0QP. Closing date: 9th August, 1985.

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WHOLEFOOD CO-OPERATIVE
requires

2 NEW WORKERS 1 WAREHOUSE WORKER/DRIVER

Computer skills an advantage, but not essential.

1 WORKER to divide time between Accounts + Book Keeping and Retail Outlet. Computer skills an advantage.

Conditions £4,600 *per annum* (30 hour week minimum).

Please send SAE for job description, specifying which post you are applying for, to:

HARVEST, UNIT 2a, BATH RIVERSIDE BUSINESS PARK, RIVERSIDE ROAD, BATH, AVON BA2 8DW

Closing date 17th August.

Previous responders need not apply.

WHITTINGDON PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
wish to appoint an

ADMINISTRATOR

for its multi-purpose community project in North Islington.

The worker will be responsible for all aspects of the administration of the project including book-keeping, ordering, typing, building resource management and reception duties.

The Administrator will work with the Organiser in a wide variety of tasks concerned with the project's development and growth. This is a demanding post requiring self motivation and an ability to work *under pressure. A commitment to* work within a team is essential.

35 hours per week. Salary £8,669.

Phone 01-272 1847 for application form. Closing date 7th August.

We positively encourage applications regardless of race, sex or sexuality.

BANNER THEATRE

Multiracial Community Arts and Theatre Group

seeks

(1) CREATIVE ADMINISTRATOR (2) DEVELOPMENT WORKER

Salaries £7,800 - £8,300

Knowledge of trade union and labour movements essentially work - arts theatre desirable. Our policy to pro-mote blacks, pro-women, pro-working class.

Details from: 373 Lozells Road, Birmingham B19 1RU. (021) 557 3671. Closing date: August 2, 1985.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

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LONDON 01-278 2332

MANCHESTER 061-832 7200

Social Services

Head of Centre

£10,404-£11,025 pa. Ref:

Nottinghamshire has embarked upon a programme of providing family centres within identified communities. A centre is being developed in adapted school premises at Spring Street, close to the centre of Hucknall, a lively industrial and manufacturing township on the outskirts of Nottingham. This exciting project will encompass nursery provision, advice to parents and support to voluntary groups, as well as being a focal point to facilities in the Community. The postholder (male or female) will require a range of skills, including supervisory, management, budgetary and liaison. The ability to develop close links with the Community and other agencies is essential. A qualification in Social Work, Teaching or related profession is required with managerial training and/or experience. For further information/informal discussion contact Martin Earden (0623) 550020.

Senior Social Worker

(Community Mental Handicap Team)

£10,404-£11,025 p.a. Ref: SJ/344/110

There are five Community Mental Handicap Teams in Nottinghamshire which focus on the development and co-ordination of services for mentally handicapped people and their families. The team is multi-disciplinary and has considerable involvement in local residential and day care services. Applicants (male or female) should be qualified Social Workers who are imaginative, enthusiastic and able to provide supervision and support to Social Services staff, conduct inter-agency negotiations, plan jointly with professional and voluntary groups, develop projects and to effectively implement them.

For further information/informal discussion contact Alisa Clarke, Development Officer, (Mental Health) or Don Phillips, Development Officer, (Mental Illness), on Nottingham (0602) 822823 Ext. 3949.

Senior Training Officer

£9,477-£11,025 p.a. (under review) Ref: S.9/345/110

Applicants should possess a relevant professional qualification and hold a current driving licence. The postholder (male or female) will be one of a team of four permanent and two temporary Senior Training Officers who are responsible to the Principal Training Officer. Experience in the area of training and staff development is expected together with the capacity to work effectively as a member of a team.

For informal discussion contact Christine Kerton, Principal Training Officer on Nottingham (0602) 822823 Ext. 3954 or any of the training team extensions 3287, 4849 or 4929.

Social Worker (Child Care)

£7,065-£10,107 pa Ref:

(Commencing salary dependent on relevant experience).

A qualified Social Worker (male or female) is required to join a busy Child Care Team in Mansfield which is in North Nottinghamshire and covers an area of 99,000 population. Applicants must hold a current driving licence and must own or be prepared to buy a car for which an essential user allowance will be payable.

For further information/informal discussion contact Joan Rowland, Andy Robertson or Chris Smith on Mansfield 22551.

Social Worker (Mental Health)

£7,065-£10,107 p.a. Ref: SJ/343/110

(Commencing salary dependent upon qualifications and experience).

Nottinghamshire has embarked on a policy of developing community teams working to improve services for the mentally ill. This vacancy in Mansfield will help develop multi-disciplinary work on behalf of the mentally ill, and will include helping with the de-commissioning of a local hospital due to close in 1988.

If you are interested and would like to know more about this post please ring Tony Hughes or Sheila Davies on Mansfield 22551.

For all the above posts relocation expenses where appropriate.

Requests for application form and job description for all the above vacancies should be made in writing to the Personnel Division, Social Services Department at County Hall. Closing date 8 August.

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Nottinghamshire County Council
County Hall · West Bridgford
Nottingham NG2 7QP

Personnel & Management Services

Appointment of County Clerk

Salary £27,786-£30,771 (pay award pending)

Applications are invited for the post of County Clerk which will become vacant in the near future on the retirement of Mr. Marshall Ingham. The County Clerk is a Senior Chief Officer and the Council's Chief Legal Officer.

It is essential that candidates are legally qualified and can demonstrate achievement following several years of service in Local Government, or with Nationalised or Public Service bodies.

Assistance towards removal and associated expenses may be available in appropriate cases. Applications must be submitted by Wednesday 7th August 1985. Application form and further details can be obtained from John Bonham, County Personnel Officer, Derbyshire County Council, County Offices, Matlock DE4 3AG or by telephoning Hazel Harrison, Matlock 3411, ext. 6930.

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.

DERBYSHIRE
County Council

WOLVERHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

CHILD CARE — A CHALLENGE

The Social Services Department is shortly to have a new structure based on 15 Community Teams. The Department's residential centre for children and young people will continue to offer a specialist service to young people and their families in an organisation which will integrate field, residential day and domiciliary services at local level. Residential staff will have a key role in implementing the Committee's 5-year plan for development of services which begins with projects totalling £400,000 from 1985-6. The Department is committed to professional training for residential and day care staff with 22 colleagues currently on secondment.

The following posts have become vacant

ASSISTANT OFFICER IN CHARGE

G6 £9,114 to £10,107* *(Pay award pending)

GROUP LEADER

(Locum 2 year post) G5 £8,262 to £9,114*

at Danescourt, a modern 24-place assessment centre with short-term residential facilities and a secure unit

DEPUTY OFFICER IN CHARGE

G5 £8,262 to £9,114*

at Aldersley House residential unit providing 15 places with key worker system, outreach and independent living units for young people

Informal enquiries are welcomed to

Maurice Ward, Wolverhampton 757877— Danescourt

Alison Bux, Wolverhampton 762395— Aldersley

Application forms and job descriptions from the Director of Social Services, Civic Centre, St. Peter's Square, Wolverhampton.

Closing date 12th August 1985

Wolverhampton Council welcomes applications from all sections of the community irrespective of an individual's sex, ethnic origin or colour and from people with disabilities who have the necessary attributes to do the job

Applications from employees of the GLC and MCC's with relevant experience are welcome

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HOUSING & PROPERTY SERVICES

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (DEVELOPMENT)

£17,313-£18,354 pa inc.

This post is a third-tier one responsible to the Director of Housing & Property Services for the overall control of the Council's staff dealing with Housing Associations, research, capital programming, mortgages and the Housing Investment Programme.

This provides an opportunity for a motivated and enthusiastic officer to make a personal contribution to the development of the Council's housing administration. The Royal Borough has a reputation for pursuing novel initiatives in the private sector and, therefore, there is considerable scope for the use of imagination on the part of the officer to be appointed. Not only does the Royal Borough have an extensive programme of GIA and HAA, but it has also been in the forefront of the development of shared ownership schemes.

The officer appointed will be expected to participate fully in the corporate management of the Department as a member of the senior management team. In addition, he/she must be capable of tactful inter-departmental co-operation and leadership. A background of Local Authority or Housing Association Development would be advantageous.

The Royal Borough of KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA

Application form quoting Ref 828x, from the Personnel Service, The Town Hall, Hornton Street, London W8 7NX. Tel: 01-937 8562 (24 hour answering service). Closing date 23rd August 1985.

This post is subject to the LMGSC ring fence procedure and applicatins are restricted to employees of all the Authorities within the Greater London and the Metropolitan areas.

WE ARE AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES EMPLOYER

RESEARCH AND EVALUATION UNIT (2 POSTS)

The Unit supplies specialist research and information services to the Authority both corporately and to individual departments. The work includes statistical consultancy, survey research and information systems.

SENIOR OFFICER (RESEARCH AND EVALUATION)

Ref. No. PMS/6767

Salary Scale: SO2 £10,404-£11,025

(Pay Award Pending)

Candidates must hold a degree and/or appropriate professional qualifications and should preferably have had five years' experience of comparable work in local government or the public sector. Experience in computing is desirable.

ASSISTANT RESEARCH AND EVALUATION OFFICER

Ref. No. PMS/6768

Salary Scale: Scale 4/5 £6,555-£8,262

(Pay Award Pending)

Applicants for this post should preferably possess a degree in a subject with a significant numerate content (e.g. Mathematics, Statistics, Business Studies, Economics, etc.) and/or appropriate professional qualifications. Some experience in quantitative research in Local Government and Computing would be desirable.

Further details and application form, returnable by 9th August, 1985, from Director of Personnel (Tel.: Bristol 296565—Answafone on this number after office hours), P.O. Box 270, Avon House, The Haymarket, Bristol BS99 7HE.

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Please quote appropriate reference number.

Personnel Services Department

Avon
COUNTY COUNCIL

Metropolitan Borough of CALDERDALE

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DEPARTMENT

EEC PROJECTS CO-ORDINATOR

£11,689 – £12,981

This is a temporary appointment for 12 months.

This District is eligible for assistance through ERDF Non Quota Aid as a Textile Closure Area. You will be expected to formulate or stimulate grant eligible infrastructure projects for the council and the private sector. You will co-ordinate the activities of council staff, other agencies and local companies in project work and oversee schemes from draft proposal to implementation.

Applicants must be able to liaise with senior personnel in the council and collaborating organisations, they should be self-motivating and able to motivate others. Project management experience is desirable and a background in civil engineering, planning or architecture would be useful.

Application forms and further details from the Personnel Officer, Town Hall, Halifax HX1 1LJ. Telephone 0422 57257 Ext 3086.

Closing date 12 August 1985.

Sir Oswald Stoll Foundation

HOUSING MANAGER

The Sir Oswald Stoll Foundation an Almshouse and registered charity, providing accommodation mainly for disabled ex-Servicemen and their families, seeks a responsible person with housing experience, to take charge of the day-to-day management of their estate in Fulham.

The estate is in the process of being re-habilitated, the first phase being due for completion in August, 1985. The development is being funded by the Housing Corporation, with Notting Hill Housing Trust as the Development Agent.

Responsibilities will include the continuation of the decanting programme and general housing management duties.

A Category II Sheltered Scheme is also planned within the development programme.

Applicants therefore, need to be sensitive to the needs of the elderly. The Appointees will report to the Housing Management Sub-Committee.

Salary within JNC scale range, Scale 5/6, £7,524 to £9,114 plus £1,248 London Weighting, depending on experience and qualifications.

Applications with full c.v. to: The Administrator, THE SIR OSWALD STOLL FOUNDATION, 446 Fulham Road, London SW6 1DT.

Job description available on request. Tel: 01-385 2110.

Closing date for applications Monday 12th August 1985.

Eastleigh has a population approaching 100,000 and is situated in Southern Hampshire close to the scenic, sporting attractions of the Solent and New Forest.

DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND HEALTH

£20,574 - £22,632 p.a.

This is a new post created as a result of a major departmental review which resulted in the combination of the Housing and Environmental Health Departments. It is one of five departmental heads reporting to the Chief Executive who leads the Management Team.

The Director will be responsible for accomplishing the merger whilst managing operational requirements and assisting in the formulation of housing and health policies.

The successful candidate should be able to demonstrate several years senior managerial experience and possess a suitable professional qualification.

A car and telephone allowance is payable together with a resettlement allowance of £2,500.

Application forms and further details are obtainable from Christine Hadfield, Personnel and Management Services Section, Civic Offices, Leigh Road, Eastleigh, Hants SO5 4YN or telephone Eastleigh 614646 ext. 3854 and are to be returned by 16th August 1985.

Borough of Eastleigh

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

TEMPORARY CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANT

(Two-year Contract)

Scale 6/SO1 (£8,532-£10,107)

Required for a two-year experiment to foster the growth of manufacturing and service co-operatives throughout County Durham.

Applicants should be familiar with the needs of small businesses and the assistance available to them and preferably have experience of working in the field of employment creation and help to industry and commerce. An understanding of the aims and practice of workers co-operatives is desirable. Experience of working with workers co-operatives would be an advantage. A degree or other appropriate qualification in a business-related subject is required.

The post is within the County Planning Department's Industrial Bureau and will involve a two-year appointment within the salary range Scale 6/SO1 (£8,532-£10,107 per annum).

The appointment is subject to Conditions of Service as adopted by the County Council and the provisions of the Local Government Superannuation Act. A Union Membership Agreement is in operation and applies to this post.

Further information can be obtained by ringing Mr. L. E. Henson (Industrial Officer)—Telephone: (0385) 64471, Extension 2348. Application forms must be returned to the County Planning Officer, County Hall, Durham DH1 5UF, by 5th August, 1985.

Durham
COUNTY COUNCIL

THE CIVIL & PUBLIC SERVICES ASSOCIATION

PERSONNEL OFFICER

The Civil and Public Services Association, the largest trade union representing members in the Civil Service, wishes to appoint a Personnel Officer.

The successful candidate will be responsible for providing an efficient personnel service for some 200 staff. Experience of all aspects of personnel administration (including recruitment, training, industrial relations) is essential.

The starting salary is £10,554 p.a. rising to £11,988 p.a. (presently under review) inclusive of London Weighting £1,300 (to be increased to £1,365 retrospective 1 April 1985).

Application forms, together with further details, can be obtained from the General Treasurer, CPSA, 215 Balham High Road, London SW17 7BN.

Closing date for applications is Friday 16th August, 1985.

The Farming & Wildlife Trust Ltd.
Farm Conservation Advisors

The Trust intends to appoint Advisers to work with the Farming & Wildlife Advisory Groups in each of the following areas:

CAMBRIDGESHIRE, HEREFORD AND WORCESTERSHIRE

The aim of the posts is to advise farmers on conservation and to co-ordinate the resources available for this purpose in each area. The posts are grant-aided by the Countryside Commission and supported by contributions from farmers, local authorities and others.

Applicants must be at least 25 years old and have a sound knowledge and experience of both farming and countryside conservation and appropriate qualifications.

Salary in range £6,840 to £8,400.

Send s.a.e. for details and how to apply to:

The Director,
FARMING & WILDLIFE TRUST,
The Lodge, Sandy, Beds. SG19 2DL.

TYNE AND WEAR COUNTY COUNCIL
Working for you

MUSEUMS AND ART GALLERIES SERVICE

MUSEUMS OFFICER (Fine and Applied Art)

Salary Grade Scale 4/5 £6,555-£8,262

Applications are invited for the above post. The postholder, based at Sunderland Museum, will assist the Senior Museums Officer (Fine and Applied) in the management of the collections in the East Group of the county Museums Service and will have special responsibility for the Applied Art collections.

The duties will include the cataloguing of the collections and the preparation of temporary exhibitions and permanent displays at Sunderland and South Shields Museums.

Applicants should hold a degree and be interested in pursuing a career in Museums. Experience of work with Applied Art material particularly pottery and glass, as there are large collections at Sunderland Museum, is essential. Some knowledge of Fine Art would be an advantage.

Application forms are available from the County Personnel Officer, Tyne and Wear County Council, Sandyford House, Archbold Terrace, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 1ED, Tel: Tynaside (091) 281-6144, ext 206, Int 264.

Closing date 7th August, 1985

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Social Services

Re-advertisement

DEPUTY OFFICER IN CHARGE

Salary Scale: RCO 6—£9,114-£10,107 p.a.

Garth House, Sandycroft Lane, Preston

Garth House is a purpose-built 25-place Centre for the residential assessment of the needs of children likely to require long-term care.

The Deputy Officer-in-Charge will be accountable to the Officer-in-Charge and will be responsible for promoting good residential child care and assessment and in the co-ordination of two child care teams within the Establishment. Garth House also undertakes some community assessment in conjunction with fieldworkers.

Applicants for this post should be experienced and qualified in the residential care of children.

A 3-bedroomed house is available on a temporary basis if required at a rent to be assessed.

For informal inquiries, please contact Mrs B A Rollason Telephone Preston (0772) 264252.

Application forms and further details from the Director of Social Services, 96 Lancaster Road, Preston. Telephone Preston (0772) 264257. Please quote Ref: B2/KA/GH.

Closing date 9th August, 1985

Lancashire County Council

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THE CITY AND HACKNEY HEALTH AUTHORITY

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES
John Scott Health Centre
Green Lanes, London N.4

ADMINISTRATOR

£5,925–£7,737 p.a. incl.

(dependent on age and experience)

John Scott is a large Health Centre with a full range of Community Health Services. The post involves the management of a large GP practice including the supervision of reception staff, organisation of GP's surgeries and clinics and the instigation and monitoring of procedures and practices. The ability to liaise with professional staff in the Centre and with the FPA and community health services, is essential. A knowledge of the health service is desirable but a person with administrative and diplomatic skills will be considered.

For an application form and job description please contact the Unit Personnel Department, St Leonards, Nettell Street, London N1 5LZ on 01-739 8484, ext. 3770.

MENCAP

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN & ADULTS AND METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF ROCHDALE require

PATHWAY EMPLOYMENT OFFICER

based in Rochdale

The Pathway Employment Service, which is run by MENCAP, aims to find suitable open employment for mentally handicapped people through close liaison with employers in local industry and commerce and provides on-going support for both employee and employer.

Experience in industry or commerce essential. Practical experience of teaching or training mentally handicapped people desirable.

Salary scale: £7,812 to £11,000. Starting point according to experience. Driving licence required as car provided.

For details and an application form, please send a 9 x 4 s.a.e. to: The Personnel Department, MENCAP National Centre, 123 Golden Lane, London EC1Y 0RT.

Closing date for completed applications: 9th August, 1985. Interviews to be held 5th September, 1985.

MIND
NORTH HUMBERSIDE ASSOCIATION FOR MENTAL HEALTH

ORGANISING SECRETARY

The Association provides a wide range of services for assistance of the mentally ill, employing an Organising Secretary for the effective implementation of its policies.

This post is now vacant and although it is anticipated that funding will be available for the continuation of this or a similar post, employment can only be guaranteed for one year in the first place.

Salary £9,114 — £9,795 (pay award pending).

For job description, application form contact The Honorary Secretary, North Humberside Association for Mental Health, 37 Ramsway, Hull, HU2 8NA. Telephone (0482) 224729.

Closing date for applications 16th August, 1985.

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARINGEY
COMMUNITY PLAY SERVICE

COMMUNITY PLAY OFFICER (Temporary)

SO2 — £11,061 (inc. L.W.)

until end of December 1985 to act as part of its community play team. The Community Play Service operates full year play activities and facilities for children 0-11. The Service aims to provide caring facilities, with staffing and activities that reflect the multi-cultural nature of the borough in non-racist non-sexist environment.

You must have experience of play work in a multicultural setting, administration and management of staff. Experience of a community work approach would be useful. As the job requires a great deal of outreach work the ability to drive would be a great advantage.

Given the existing make up of the team, applicants with a working knowledge of the Cypriot and Asian cultures would be particularly welcome.

For further information ring Tom Shea, 01-808 7684.

For application forms: The Lodge, Church Lane, N.17. 01-801 9822.

Closing date: 2th August 1985.

HARINGEY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

THE LABOUR PARTY REQUIRES A

POLICY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

In pursuit of the re-organisation of the Head Office of the Labour Party following the adoption of the Review Committee Report by the National Executive Committee, the Labour Party is seeking to appoint a Policy Development Director.

Knowledge of development of Labour Party policy—domestic and international—and of Labour Party procedure, would be a major advantage.

The Director would be responsible for advice to National Executive Committees on Home Policy, Local Government, International Policy, and for Political Education and information, for specialist briefing to the Party and press, for the Party library and archives, and for liaison with the Parliamentary Labour Party and Shadow Cabinet on legislative activities and policy developments. The Director would report to the General Secretary and appropriate committees of the National Executive.

For application forms and further details please apply to: Mr. J. L. Waitty, General Secretary, The Labour Party, 150 Walworth Road, London SE17 1JT. Tel.: 01-703 0833.

Closing date for applications: 15th August, 1985.

The Labour Party is an equal opportunities employer

FUNDRAISER

The Princess Alice Hospice

This 26-bed hospice opens in September.

Fundraiser required to find £750,000 annually for running costs.

The successful applicant will be self-motivated and possess organisational and inter-personal skills.

Remuneration negotiable.

Send c.v. to:

The Princess Alice Hospice
West End Lane
Esher
Surrey KT10 8NA

Further information:
R. Murray Esher (0372) 65611.

WANDSWORTH LATCHKEY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

to co-ordinate and develop latchkey schemes in Wandsworth.

Administrative experience, work with children and voluntary organisations essential.

Salary SO1, Scp 31 £10,724 inc.

Contact: Jordan Jarratt, 223 1828.

G.L.C. funded. Applications welcome from people regardless of race, sex, ethnic origin or sexual orientation.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION WORKER

CHAR is a small, energetic organisation which campaigns for the housing rights and related needs of single people.

We seek a Finance and Administration Worker to join our team, with responsibility for financial management and administration at our Kings Cross base.

Previous experience (either paid or un-paid) of book-keeping essential; knowledge of small computerised financial systems desirable. You will need to be adaptable and unflappable. We welcome applications from women, and from black and Asian applicants. (Section 48 of the Sex Discrimination Act applies). (Race Relations Act 1976 Section 38(1)(b) applies).

Closing date: 28th August 1985.

Salary: £9,780/£11,355 p.a. Please write for further details to CHAR, 5-15 Cromer Street, London WC1H 8LS. (01-833 2071).

CHAR Housing Campaign for Single People

CHAR is partially funded by the Greater London Council.

There are many kinds of Public Services . . . but for most of the jobs in all the Public Services, read The Guardian every Wednesday. Wherever you work, from a forest to a laundry, you could find the next rung of the ladder any Wednesday in The Guardian.

YOU CAN FIND IT IN THE GUARDIAN

TOWN CLERK AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DEPARTMENT

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK (POLICY)

£18,708 / £19,968 (pay award pending)

Manchester City Council is seeking to fill probably one of the most exciting, demanding and rewarding jobs in local government — that of Assistant Town Clerk (Policy) leading a multi-disciplinary team responsible for those strategic issues of concern to the City as a whole. We are particularly interested in receiving applications from women for this post.

The City Council is responsible for providing local services to a population of nearly 500,000 people in what is predominantly an inner city area experiencing high unemployment and multiple deprivation, it is also responsible for the maintenance of Manchester as the Regional Centre for the North West.

The Assistant Town Clerk (Policy) will be part of the Town Clerk and Chief Executive's Management Team and will be responsible directly to the Town Clerk for the management of a Section of the Department.

Main responsibilities will include:

(i) the administration and servicing of the Policy and Resources Committee, its Sub-Committees and the Management Team.

(ii) the development of strategic policy issues and the co-ordination of Policy for the Council as a whole.

(iii) the co-ordinators of the Equal Opportunities Unit and the Race Unit will report directly to the Assistant Town Clerk.

Applicants for the post will be expected to have a proven track record of cost-effective and efficient management, probably with a socially aware large public organisation, and with a strong sense of purpose and determination to achieve a better deal for those oppressed in our society together with ideas and commitment to policies to combat the problems of poverty and economic and social deprivation in this City.

No specific professional qualifications are required but she/he will have relevant direct experience of at least two of the major areas of work and the ability to respond positively and imaginatively both orally and in writing upon all the issues likely to confront a leading inner city Authority.

Application forms and job descriptions are available from the Staff Office, Town Clerk's Department, Town Hall, Manchester M60 2LA (telephone 061-234 3078) returnable by 3rd September, 1985.

The City Council operates a Union Membership Agreement under which a new employee is required to become a member of a recognised Trade Union.

MANCHESTER City Council

Manchester City Council is an Equal Opportunity Employer, and we positively welcome applications from women and men, regardless of their racial, ethnic or national origin, disability, age up to 65, sexuality, or responsibilities for dependants.

HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM TRAINING SERVICES

MANAGER - TRAINING SERVICES

Salary between £12,000/£15,000 according to qualifications and experience

HFTS is the Training branch of Business Resources Limited, a company sponsored by Hammersmith & Fulham Borough Council and LENTA. It operates several schemes, including YTS Mode A, an Adult recruitment and Training Scheme, and a Local Collaborative Project sponsored by MSC.

The Company wishes to appoint a Training Services Manager to take charge of HFTS's day-to-day operations and manage its resources in a business like manner. He/she will be expected to develop a team spirit within the organisation and to build strong links with outside bodies. He/she will report to the Company's Training Services Board and will be expected to achieve the objectives agreed by the Company in connection with its training services.

While this post is offered on a fixed term contract basis, the contract is likely to be renewed subject to satisfactory performance and continued funding for the Company's training services.

Candidates should be experienced in the field of training. A good management record and some business experience will be an advantage. Candidates from other backgrounds will also be considered.

For an application form and further information, please write to: The Chairman, H & F Business Resources Ltd., P.O. Box 501, Town Hall, King Street, London W6 9JU, or telephone 01 748 3020 Extension 3404

CLOSING DATE: 9 AUGUST
INTERVIEWS ON 16 AND 19 AUGUST

BRENT TRADES COUNCIL
LOCAL ECONOMY RESOURCE UNIT

A FULL TIME **RESEARCH WORKER**

is needed as soon as possible to join a staff of four other workers in a well established unit in North West London.
We need someone who:
* is capable of acting on her/his own initiative
* has a proven record of commitment to trade union or community organisation.
Salary will be on Brent Council Grade PO1B (Level 36: £11,025 and Brent London Weighting.)
For further details and an application form, phone 01-459 6221, or write to: L.E.R.U., 389 High Road, Willesden, London NW10 2JR.
CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS: 16th AUGUST 1985.

BRENT UNEMPLOYED WORKERS CENTRE REQUIRES A

CENTRE CO-ORDINATOR

Salary scale SO1. An understanding of the problems of unemployment and experience of the trade union and labour movement is essential.
Experience of living or working in a multi-racial borough is also essential. Driving licence and some accounting or book keeping experience is preferable.
Send C.V. and letter of application to Brent U.W.C., 389 High Road, Willesden, NW10 2JR, or telephone 01-459 2835 for further information.
CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: 2nd AUGUST 1985.

BRENT L.E.R.U. AND BRENT UWC ARE EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES EMPLOYERS
We welcome applications from all sections of the community, regardless of sex, racial origins and physical disability

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SOUTH LONDON FAMILY HOUSING ASSOCIATION
requires an

AREA SPECIAL NEEDS OFFICER

to co-ordinate the development and management of special projects; and to improve relations with local voluntary groups with a view to providing access to both general and special needs housing. Experience in this field of work is required.

Salary £9,497-£10,585 or £10,585-£11,806 p.a. (depending on experience); 24 days' annual leave; car allowance; pension scheme.

For further details and an application form, please contact: Anne Morgan, SLFHA, Rochester House, 2-10 Belvedere Road, London SE19 2HL. Tel: 01-653 8833. Closing date for applications: 9th August.

SLFHA is an equal opportunities employer.

St. Christopher's Fellowship
CHISWICK HOUSE

SECOND DEPUTY (Third in Charge)

Salary — £8,772 — £9,510 including LWA

Due to secondment we require a second deputy for our hostel at Chiswick which can accommodate up to 12 young people, who are in the care of Local Authorities.

Applications are invited from persons, preferably with a relevant qualification (CSS or CQSW) and previous experience, who have the enthusiasm and ability to motivate and assist residents to achieve maximum independence.

The successful applicant will need to be able to contribute to a staff supervision programme and make a general contribution to the management of the unit. Sleeping-in duties are required for which an appropriate payment will be made.

For informal discussion and visits please contact Brian Liversage, Principal Social Worker on 01-370 1083/2522.

Application forms and further details are available from the Director, 53 Warwick Road, London SW5 9HD, Tel. 01-370 1083/2522.

Closing date: Friday 2 August 1985.

HOUSING & PROPERTY SERVICES

Internal Control Officer

(Ref. H.129).
Salary: £10,725-£11,355 pa incl

The inner city multi-racial borough of Lambeth, in its efforts to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of service, has recently reorganised the Housing Benefit Section of the Directorate of Housing and Property Services.

As part of this reorganisation, we are looking for an Internal Control Officer to be responsible for ensuring that internal assessment and monitoring is carried out on the evaluation of Housing Benefit and on its accuracy.

The postholder will be required to write comprehensive reports on the findings, including recommendations on improvement of procedures, training etc, with the aim to improve efficiency within the section and provide a better service to the tenant.

An inquiring mind coupled with sound analytical and numeracy skills are essential in order to identify training needs and other relevant problems. The successful applicant must display the ability to build and maintain sound communication links with other officers at all levels in order to co-ordinate the internal control function.

Individuals can apply for job sharing.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR RACE RELATIONS WORKER IN HOUSING

Housing Advisory Officer

(Race Relations) SC 6/SO1
(Ref H.130). Salary: £9,780-£11,355 (incl)

Lambeth is an Inner City Borough with a multi-racial population containing a large black community. This Council is committed to ensuring that its services are distributed equitably among all its inhabitants. To this end it is seeking to develop further its policies and procedures in respect of race and housing provision.

The Directorate of Housing has a Race Relations Adviser and a number of field officers working to meet the needs of the black community. These field officers provide specialised race input to the work of their respective sections.

We currently have a vacancy for a Housing Advisory Officer (Race Relations).

The successful applicant must have an appreciation of the issues surrounding private sector housing and the problems faced by the black community in relation to housing provision. You will be concerned with providing a comprehensive advice and aid giving service to members of the Afro / Caribbean Communities and groups, ensuring at all times that they are made fully aware of and use the range of services provided by the Housing Advice Centre.

In addition to giving housing aid, the main function of the post would be that of sensitising the section and its officers to the special needs of the Afro / Caribbean Community, highlighting shortfalls in service provision and making recomendations for change either in policy and / or procedures and practices.

In addition you must display a practical understanding of Race Relations legislation and its application to this area of work.

This post is funded by the Home Office under the provisions of Section 11 of the Local Government Act 1966.

Individuals may apply for job sharing.

Application forms obtainable from the Personel Officer, Directorate of Housing & Property Services, London Borough of Lambeth, Hambrook House, Porden Road, SW2. Tel: 01-274 7722, ext 2053. Closing date 9 August 1985.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Toy Librarian Childminding

Ref: SC/204/G. £7,803-£9,114 incl.

Lambeth is a leading Local Authority in the childminding field, and has developed a comprehensive range of innovative facilities for childminders and the children for whom they care. These include an imaginatively developed toy library with an emphasis on the provision of anti-racist and anti-sexist play materials and books.

The library services all the childminders' groups and therefore you will have had previous experience of groupwork with women and have an ability to challenge racism and sexism in the use of the library's resources. Substantial experience in the field of day care provision for the under-fives is essential as is both theoretical and practical knowledge of child development in a multi-racial community.

The Toy Library, now seven years old, is one of the largest in the country with a national reputation in its field. You will have responsibility for a sizeable budget, and should be able to critically assess and select appropriate play materials and books for children under five.

Despite a heavy workload, both the previous toy librarians have had the scope to and been supported in developing their own interests and specialisms, particularly in under-fives community initiatives and in areas of training and counselling. You would have the freedom to explore different opportunities for developing the role using your own particular skills and would be a member of the Childminding Section based in Clapham.

Although the library has its own storage, play and office premises, it is essentially a mobile resource and therefore a (clean) driving licence is essential.

Individuals can apply for job sharing.

For application form and job description phone 01-627 0564. Closing date: 8 August 1985.

For Social Services application forms only, please telephone 01-627 0564 (24-hour service), or write to: The Recruitment Section, Room 500, 91 Clapham High Street, London SW4.

Benefits for most posts advertised include flexible working hours, subsidised staff canteen, sickness and superannuation scheme, generous annual leave.

As part of Lambeth's Equal Opportunities Policy, applications are welcome from people regardless of race, creed, nationality, disability, age sex, sexual orientation or responsibility for children or dependants

LAMBETH
SERVICES WELL WORTH DEFENDING

HARINGEY COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL
in conjunction with the
COMMISSION FOR RACIAL EQUALITY

COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER (Education)

£8,919–£11,682 inclusive of London Weighting
A higher starting point may be considered in appropriate cases

The successful applicant will be a member of a team under the direction of the senior Community Relations Officer and will be responsible for implementing Work Programmes as agreed by the Council.

Knowledge of working with ethnic minorities and commitment to work towards the elimination of racial discrimination and the promotion of equal opportunity are essential.

Application form and further details from:
The Senior Community Relations Officer
Haringey Community Relations Council
14 Turnpike Lane, London N8 0DT.
Telephone 01-889 6871/4

Closing date for applications Friday August 9, 1985.

SURREY TRUST FOR NATURE CONSERVATION
requires an experienced

FIELD OFFICER / ASSISTANT CONSERVATION OFFICER

FOR ONE YEAR FROM 16 SEPTEMBER, 1985.

Write for job specification before 10 August to: Admin. Officer, STNC, Hatchlands East Clandon, Guildford, Surrey GU4 7RT.
Salary £8,500 – £7,000.

CHIEF EXECUTIVES DEPARTMENT

Welfare Rights Officers

£10,725-£12,273 p.a. (inc.)
One permanent post (Ref no 1A/379/G).

To provide information, advice and training on welfare rights benefits to staff working with residents of the private housing sector and the non-priority homeless; to ensure that the service for these groups is geared towards the maximisation of welfare benefits and take-up of entitlements occasionally to undertake individual take-up.

An understanding of the problems experienced by homeless people and residents of the private sector, together with an ability to identify and analyse policy issues.

One temporary post for 12 months (Ref no 1A/405/G)

To provide information, advice and assistance including training on welfare benefits to Council employees in District Housing and Area Social Services offices working with members of the public. To promote awareness of welfare rights and to undertake individual casework as necessary.

Knowledge of the working of Housing and Social Services desirable with an understanding of the problems experienced by socially disadvantaged groups within an urban multi-racial community.

For both posts, you should have sound experience and knowledge of welfare rights, good communications; training and advocacy skills and an ability to maintain effective liaison between different agencies at all levels.

Informal inquiries — Sheila Alcock, Welfare Rights Co-ordinator, 01-278 4444 ext 2030.

Application form from and to be returned to: Departmental Personnel Officer, Room 207, Town Hall Euston Road, London NW1 2RU. Tel: 01-837 9988 (Ansafone) quoting appropriate reference number. Closing date: 12th August 1985.

HOUSING DEPARTMENT

Caretaking and Estate Services Officer

£11,652—£12,273 p.a. (inc.)

To join a group responsible for advising, monitoring, co-ordinating, supporting and developing in conjunction with the District Housing Offices, borough-wide caretaking and estate services. Our aim is to achieve uniform and cost-effective services; improving service delivery and create a totally response service.

You will be responsible for the identification, co-ordination and monitoring of Estate Services, e.g. window cleaning, gardening, repairs, health and safety, voids, asbestos, internal decorations etc., in the borough, and to carry out full and regular liaison to ensure their effective delivery.

The post necessitates a high degree of mobility and the ability to work under pressure. Ability to communicate and liaise on a wide range of housing management issues, with staff at all levels essential.

Commitment to a consumer-orientated approach to the Housing Service essential.

Application form from and to be returned to: Director of Housing, Bidborough House, Bidborough Street, WC1H 9DB, or telephone 01-388 6935 (Ansafone) quoting ref no 7/54/G. Closing date 12th August 1985.

SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Greek Speaking Social Worker

£9,510-£11,964 pa. (inc.)

To join the Camden patch team which covers a working-class, racially mixed inner-city area with a high proportion of Afro-Caribbean, Bengali, Chinese, Cypriot and Irish residents.

You will provide a generic service, and some development work in the Greek Cypriot community. For this reason, a Greek-speaking person is essential. (Section 38 of the Race Relations Act 1976 applies).

Members of the team carry generic caseloads and all participate in operating the duty system. We have a high proportion of mental health and preventative child care work. There is scope for team members to practice in group work or to develop neighbourhood project. The team is committed to developing anti-racist and anti-sexist policy and practice. CQSW essential. Newly qualified or qualifying applicants welcome.

Informal inquiries to Helen Brown, Team Leader, or Chris Cotter, Area Head, on 01-267 4355. Ref no 10/341/G.

Social Worker

(Temporary from July '85-March '86)
£9,510-£11,964 p.a. (inc.)

To join the Camden Town team which covers a working-class, racially-mixed inner London area, with a high proportion of Afro-Caribbean, Bengali, Chinese, Cypriot and Irish residents.

Members of the team carry generic caseloads and all participate in operating the duty system. We have a high proportion of mental health and preventive child care work and there is scope for team members to practice in group work or to develop neighbourhood projects. The team is committed to developing anti-racist and anti-sexist policy and practice. CQSW essential. Newly qualified or qualifying applicants welcome.

Staff from black and ethnic minority groups are under-represented in the Department and applicants from these communities are particularly welcome. Appropriate background and language skills (Bengali, Cantonese, Greek or Gujerati) relevant to work in Camden will also be welcomed.

Informal inquiries to Helen Brown, Team Leader, or Chris Cotter, Area Head, on 01-267 4355. Ref no 10/340/G.

Social Workers

£9,510-£11,964 p.a. (inc.)
(pro rata if part-time)
Full-time (Ref no 10/338/G)
Part-time (Ref no 10/339/G)

Working as members of a patch team, you will provide a fieldwork service to the Kilburn Ward in West Hampstead, which has a wide variety of needs and a high proportion of people from ethnic minorities.

CQSW essential. Applications from people with fieldwork experience and with ethnic minorities particularly welcome. You must be willing to undergo training in mental health work.

Informal inquiries to Alan Warren, on 01-794 0691 ext 258.

Application form from and to be returned to: Director of Social Services, Willing House, 356/364 Gray's Inn Road, WC1X 8BH, or telephone 01-837 5621 (Ansafone) quoting appropriate ref no. Closing date 12th August 1985.

Camden Services *not good to lose!*

equal opportunity employer

Applicants are considered on the basis of their suitability for the post, with equal opportunities for women, black/ethnic minorities, lesbians and gay men and people with disabilities, and regardless of marital status, age, creed/religion and unrelated criminal conviction. All posts are open for job-sharing.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAUX

The Association currently has the following vacancies:

ADVISORY OFFICER

BASED IN TUNBRIDGE WELLS
Ref: AO/1 — Circa £9,000

Responsible for negotiating for funds, ensuring quality and standards within CABx are maintained and opening and developing new and existing CABx.

Ideal candidate will have experience of advice work and working with local committees, experience of Local Authority Structures, commitment to the ideal of the CAB Service, dynamism and initiative.

Possession of a clean driving licence is essential, car provided, Luncheon vouchers, generous leave, contributory pension scheme.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

BASED LIVERPOOL
Ref: AA/1 — Circa £7,000

required to carry out a wide range of administrative tasks.

Specific duties will include providing administrative support to the training function, compiling material to support specialist services functions, statistical analyses and dealing with day to day enquiries.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

BASED LIVERPOOL
Ref: AA/2 — Circa £7,000

required to carry out a wide range of administrative tasks.

Specific duties will include maintaining area and office accounts, organising and administering Area Committee meetings, minute taking, devising and maintaining office systems and dealing with day to day enquiries.

The successful candidate will have a flexible approach to work, good communication skills, numeracy and administrative ability are essential as is experience of minute taking and drafting reports.

Generous leave, luncheon vouchers, and contributory pension scheme.

For job description and application forms, please WRITE on a postcard quoting appropriate reference number to:
PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT, NACAB, 115-123 PENTONVILLE ROAD, LONDON N1 9LZ.

Closing date for above posts: 9th August 1985.

All applicants are considered on the basis of suitability for post regardless of sex, race, marital status or disability.

Citizens Advice Bureau

CHRISTIAN AID

invites applications from suitably qualified men or women for three new senior posts, all at Departmental Head level at the London HQ. Each will lead an inter-disciplinary team of about 15 comprising Project, Information, Education and Area (UK) personnel. These Groups will specialise respectively in: Africa and Middle East; Asia and Pacific; Latin America and Caribbean.

The Group Heads will be responsible for relations with, aid to, and communications from their Regions, for leading and administering the Groups and their budgets, and for documenting the appropriate Regional Committee of the Board. With other senior staff, Group Heads will be members of a Staff Management Team working to the Board's Executive Committee.

Qualifications: leadership and initiative; knowledge of development in one of the three overseas regions; commitment to the churches' involvement; information / education skills; ability to speak cogently in public and to the media. Good Spanish or French could be an advantage.

Apply in writing only, stating preference for one of the three Regions. Job descriptions and application forms from: **Personnel Officer, Christian Aid, PO Box No 1, London SW9 8BH. *Closing date 2nd September.***

CHESTERFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
DEPARTMENT OF TOWN CLERK AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

Salary Scale — £16,800 x £441(3) to £18,123
(Pay award pending)

Applications are invited for this post which has become vacant due to the promotion of the previous holder of the post.

The post carries chief officer status and the successful applicant will be directly responsible to the Town Clerk and Chief Executive for the administration and management of the department and the legal work of the council. The postholder will be required to act as Deputy to the Town Clerk and Chief Executive for those functions ascribed to the latter as Town Clerk.

Applicants will be expected to demonstrate experience and capability in legal work, including advocacy, management, administration, and the co-ordination of varied professional disciplines at the highest level in local government.

The successful applicant will be a person who can show a substantial degree of commitment and initiative in helping to tackle the many challenges that are currently facing local government.

APPOINTMENT OF PERSONNEL OFFICER

Salary Scale — Principal Officer (Points 8-11)
£12,981 p.a. to £14,013 p.a. (Pay award pending)

Applications are invited for this post within the Personnel and Managment Services Section of the Borough Council, the vacancy arising from the retirement of the present postholder.

The successful candidate will be responsible to the Personnel and Management Services Officer for the full range of the Council's personnel and industrial relations functions.

Applicants must be experienced in these functions and hold an appropriate professional qualification.

The persons appointed to the above posts can expect to gain valuable experience with a progressive and forward looking authority.

Further particulars of the above posts may be obtained from the Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Town Hall, Chesterfield (0246 216312) to whom applications are to be submitted not later than August 23, 1985.

SHEFFIELD CITY POLYTECHNIC
UNION OF STUDENTS

RESEARCH OFFICER

Our new Education Unit aims to help students improve the quality of their education. We seek to achieve this by encouraging student representation at all levels within the Polytechnic.

The Research Officer will have a key staff role alongside the elected Vice President and personal Assistant to the Unit. The person appointed will have a knowledge of current issues in higher education and training experience will be a distinct advantage.

Sheffield City Polytechnic is a uniquely challenging environment:
* the first Polytechnic to validate its own degrees
* receptive academic management
* encourages new solutions to old problems.

If you are flexible, a good communicator and feel you can work closely with students, academics and union staff you may be the person we need.

Salary will be on the APT & C Scale 4, £8,264–£7,005.

For a full job description and an application form, please contact: General Manager, SCPUS, Nelson Mandela Building, Pond Street, Sheffield S1 2BW. Tel: (0742) 738934 Ext. 18.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL
West Smithfield, London EC1A 7BE. 01-600 9000

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANT

£9,828-£11,823 p.a. inc.

To develop management budgeting under the control of clinicians and to assist in the development of systems, using the existing functional budgeting system as a base.

Experience in the NHS is desirable but not essential. Would suit partly qualified accountants pursuing their professional examinations.

Further information from Mr. D. Ward, ext. 2555.

For job description and application form, contact the Personnel Department, quoting reference S/21 on 01-600 0000 ext. 3188.

Closing date. August 5, 1985.

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Sense

seeks a

PRINCIPAL

for its new Centre in Edgbaston, Birmingham. The Centre is sited at The Royal School for Deaf Children which closed its doors at Christmas 1984 after more than 150 years unbroken service in the education of deaf children. The principal activity of the new Centre will be a residential Further Education and Rehabilitation Service for young multiply-handicapped deaf and deaf-blind adults, many of whom are currently placed in mental handicap hospitals. In addition there will be other rehabilitative projects for adults with sensory impairments and the site will provide a Midlands Family Centre for Sense's Peripatetic Advisory Teaching staff who work with young deaf-blind children. It is also hoped to develop the site as a resource for the hearing-impaired community generally by involving other organisations, both statutory and voluntary.

The Principal will be responsible for all Sense activities, for the management of the site and for co-ordinating other users. Much of the initial activity will be concentrated on the planning and development of services, in negotiation with a wide range of interested bodies and in fund-raising. Applications are sought from people appropriately qualified within the fields of education, social work or health who are enthusiastic, have the ability to work hard and who have proven managerial qualities and experience.

The salary for the post is to be negotiated but will not be less than Headteachers' Group 9(S), (Burnham), currently £15,447 to £16,728 or PO II (NJC), currently £15,387 to £18,066.

Applications, giving the usual details plus a short account of your philosophy of education and rehabilitation for multiply-handicapped children and adults, should be sent to The Director, Sense, 311 Gray's Inn Road, London, WC1X 8PT. The post can be discussed in greater detail by telephoning Rodney Clark on 01-278 1005

Minority Access to the Legal Profession Project

PROJECT ASSISTANT

SALARY: £9,863 p.a. (subject to increase from Dec 1st '85)

The Project, based at the Polytechnic of the South Bank, is investigating the manner and extent to which racial discrimination creates barriers to minority entry to the legal profession, and is developing a programme of action to further the inclusion of minority people in all phases of legal education and throughout the legal profession.

The Project is seeking a Project Assistant whose responsibilities include organising and implementing a programme, in collaboration with the Project's Executive and Advisory Committees, designed to further the work described above. Primary experience with the legal profession, black law students and graduates is essential. The ability to work independently and to engage in sensitive negotiations with the Bar, Law Society and Ethnic Minority Lawyers' Associations are also required.

The Project is currently funded by the GLC until 31st March 86, and the Project Assistant will be expected to support continuing fundraising efforts for its maintenance and expansion.

WRITTEN APPLICATIONS TO: Minority Access Project, Polytechnic of the South Bank, Borough Road, London SE1 0AA. (01) 928 8989 Ext. 2482.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: 10TH AUGUST 1985.

The Polytechnic is an Equal Opportunities Employer

NEVERN HOUSE

An Independent Adolescent Unit in South-West London

requires

TEAM LEADER (Day Worker)

A second Team Leader is required to join our staff group, to undertake an active responsibility in the management of this special unit for difficult adolescents "in care".

This is a challenging new post for an individual with the ability to offer effective supervision and support to a developing staff group, and work intensively with young people.

Applications are encouraged from individuals who believe they can bring change and innovation to a small organisation.

Applicants must have relevant experience and/or qualifications — salary in accordance within the range £9,500-£12,500.

For further information and an application form telephone Carol Jones on 01 622 4975.

TRADE UNION AND COMMUNITY LIAISON

OFFICER

PEDNNEL wishes to employ a Trade Union and Community Liaison Officer to work primarily in the East End of London.

PEDNNEL is a part of the Technology Network of North and East London, and is engaged in the development of socially useful products and services which will create employment in the GLC area. The post will consist of working closely with a wide range of community and trade union organisations in identifying social needs that may be met by our technology network.

The successful applicant should have a general background in engineering and/or a good understanding of community and trade union organisations. The closing date is 12.8.85. Salary £10 000 p.a.

Please ring or write to: Neil McClenaghan or Emily Tomalin, PEDNNEL, Unit B, Hornsey Street, London N7 8HR. Tel.: 01-607 8141.

PEDNNEL is an equal opportunities employer. We invite applications from women and men from all sections of the community, irrespective of their ethnic origin, colour, sexual orientation or disability, who have the necessary attributes to do the job. The Centre is equipped with facilities for the disabled.

PEDNNEL is funded by the Greater London Enterprise Board.

ROAD TRANSPORT INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD

RESEARCH TRAINING OFFICERS

Starting Salary c. £11,574 per annum + car

The Road Transport Industry Training Board wishes to appoint two specialist Training Officers to participate in a programme of research and development into skills testing techniques and practice.

One post (Ref. No. 152) is primarily concerned with investigations into key and transferable skills and trainability testing for which a degree in educational or occupational psychology or closely related discipline would be essential.

The second (Ref. No. 153) is concerned with the development of testing procedures for professional, administrative and supervisory skills. This post would suit a person who has obtained a first degree followed by professional qualifications in an area such as personnel, training, accountancy, or business studies and wishes to apply his/her knowledge in this specialist field.

The posts will be based at the Board's Headquarters in Wembley.

Applications are invited from graduates quoting the appropriate reference.

Some travelling is involved for which purpose a car will be provided.

Terms and conditions of employment include 20 working days holiday, eventually rising to 25, contributory pension scheme and life assurance.

Please apply with full c.v. to: Personnel Department, Road Transport Industry Training Board, Capitol House, Empire Way, Wembley, Middlesex HA9 0NG.

2 NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKERS

Convent Way is an isolated multiracial estate on the northern boundary of the London Borough of Hounslow, bordering on Southall.

A Steering Group comprising of Council departments and Voluntary agency representatives are offering their services in a Neighbourhood Centre.

To co-ordinate the advice giving and further develop activities with the full participation of residents. 2 experienced workers are needed — one of whom should know two of the following languages: Hindi Punjabi Gujerati, Urdu.

G.L.C. funded until March 1986. Further funding sought. Application form and job description from Vicky Grosser: 01-570 7728 Ext. 3613, or Neil Wilson Ext: 3303.

Closing date: 14th August

Salary: £9 189 including Outer London Weighting, per annum.

THE RAINER FOUNDATION

WORKSHOP PROJECT WORKER

£8,430 — £9,477 (plus O.L.W. £657 award pending)

The Fitzgerald Project offers a range of facilities (counselling, group work, education, work training (YTS) and a separate accommodation project) for young people aged 15-18 at risk. We require a worker to instruct DIY skills to small groups in a flexible way, make positive relationships regardless of sex and race, and contribute in other ways (e.g. discussions, activities). Experience of work with young people more important than qualifications.

Closing date: two weeks after advertisement.

The Rainer Foundation is committed to a policy of Equal Opportunity of Employment and is developing its practices to ensure its effectiveness.

FITZGERALD PROJECT (Rainer Foundation)
The Lodge
Waldram Crescent
London SE23 2LA
Tel.: 01-291 0851

FITZGERALD PROJECT

LEGAL

Sheffield Law Centre

wishes to appoint a

SOLICITOR/ BARRISTER

Urdu/Punjabi/Bengali Speaker essential.

Details available from The Secretary, Sheffield Law Centre, Wesley House, Wellfield Place, Sheffield S2 4HR. Closing date: August 16, 1985.

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Health and Safety in Industry and Agriculture

Professional training for highly responsible careers
Opportunities for Graduates and Experienced People

The challenges of health and safety in the workplace grow ever more complex. High technology, for example high-speed robotics, is one new area of concern. Others include the industrial uses of toxic materials, the dangers of high-rise construction and, in agriculture, the application of new pesticides. It is the task of HM Inspectors in the Health and Safety Executive to ensure that, whatever the working environment, those employed are aware of, and protected against, potential risks. Factory Inspectors are concerned with a wide range of activities including industry, health services and education, whilst Agricultural Inspectors specialise in agriculture, horticulture and forestry.

There are now opportunities throughout Great Britain to train for one of these intellectually stimulating and worthwhile careers. The comprehensive training programme combines study for a professional qualification in Health and Safety with vital experience of field work with senior colleagues. Success will be measured by your ability to influence and motivate management and work force at all levels. Candidates should have some relevant employment experience, preferably in a responsible post, and must have a degree with honours or an equivalent or higher qualification (in any discipline) and have, or be prepared to acquire, a good understanding of legal, technical and administrative matters. Students in their final year who expect to gain the necessary qualifications may also apply. You may also be considered if you have had at least 3 years' practical experience in a managerial or executive capacity after gaining an ordinary degree, HND or equivalent or higher qualification in science and technology including agriculture, horticulture or forestry. In all cases, candidates will be expected to have or obtain a full UK driving licence.

Salaries (under review) HM Factory Inspectors Class II £6860-£8955 rising to £9795. HM Assistant Agricultural Inspectors £6300-£6905 rising to £8915. London posts attract up to £1365 more. In both cases there are prospects of promotion.

RELOCATION ASSISTANCE MAY BE AVAILABLE.

For further information and an application form (to be returned by 21 August 1985) write to Civil Service Commission, Alencon Link, Basingstoke, Hants, RG21 1JB, or telephone Basingstoke (0256) 468551 (answering service operates outside office hours). Please quote ref: G/280.

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An opportunity to join in developing new services

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£11,373 to £12,219 under review

To lead the teenage contract fostering and permanent placement team. Applicants need to have the ability to motivate and manage experienced staff, to lead in new areas of work, and forge good links with area and residential workers. Experience in child and family work and a knowledge of Child Care Law is essential.

Senior Social Workers

Full or part-time

£9,771 to £11,373

There will be vacancies across the range of unit work. Applicants need at least two years' post-qualification experience, some of it in direct work with children and their families. Experience in group work or training would be an advantage. The interviews for these posts will be delayed as they will be held after the Team Leader is appointed.

■ FIVE NEW POSTS have been created so that Greenwich can extend its range of family placements for children and young people.

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■ For further information for the Team Leader post telephone Pat Goodall, Children's Services Officer, 01-854 8888, Ext. 3085, and for the Social Worker posts telephone Pat Goodall or Daphne Hammerton, Team Leader, Ext. 3050.

Application forms from Directorate of Social Services, London Borough of Greenwich, Peggy Middleton House, 50 Woolwich New Road, London SE18 6HQ. Tel.: 01-854 8888, Ext. 3673.

Closing date: 9th August, 1985.

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People and Services First

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

We need a dynamic person to ensure that refugees in Britain have access to urgently needed suitable housing.

The successful candidate will have a firm commitment to equal opportunities, extensive experience of working with ethnic minorities, and a proven record of achievement in the voluntary sector or related fields.

Salary circa £13,000 p.a.

For job description and application form write to: **Hilda Harding, British Refugee Council, Bondway House, 3/9 Bondway, London SW8 1JS.**

Closing date: 7th August, 1985.

BRITISH REFUGEE COUNCIL

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SOCIAL SERVICES

"A STEP INTO THE COMMUNITY"

Munster Road Mental Health Project
Fulham, London SW6

CENTRE WORKERS

£7,803 to £9,510 p.a. inc.

Our successful day resource aims to help people with mental health problems cope better within their community. We place emphasis on working flexibility, and helping people realise their potential strengths. To do this our methods include assessment, groupwork, keywork and drop-in facilities.

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£3,585 to £3,834 p.a. inc.

(18 hours per week)

We are looking for someone with a mature approach to carry out the duties of typing, filing, handling petty cash, maintaining clerical support, and with a good telephone manner.

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For further information please contact the Centre on 01-743 5221. Application form and information pack available from Staff Section on 01-748 7620 (24-hour answering service). Please quote reference SRA MR5/6 for Centre Worker posts, and SRA/MR 7 for Clerical Assistant post.

Closing date: 23rd August, 1985.

LIBRARY SERVICES

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

£7,803 to £8,577 inc.

We are looking for a bright, adaptable person to become part of a team providing administrative support to the Libraries.

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For an informal discussion of the scope and duties of the post please ring Philippa Davies on 01-748 3020, Ext. 3813.

Application forms from London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham (Personnel), Town Hall Extension, King Street, Hammersmith W6 9JU, telephone 01-741 0904 (24-hour answering service) quoting reference RLSA 3. Closing date: 23rd August, 1985.

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Salary circa £8,000.

Further information write or phone:

The Woodcraft Folk
13 Ritherdon Road
London SW17 8QE
Tel: 01-672 6031 / 01-767 2457

Closing date: 28th August

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Grade SO1, £9,477 to £10,107 p.a.
£1,017 (L.W. and supplements)

This is a re-advertisement of a new post due to re-evaluation. The post has been created to identify and co-ordinate provisions for those with special housing needs in particular the special needs of the Afro-Caribbean and Asian elderly of Brent. Candidates will be expected to have knowledge of current working legislation, and have experience in housing and housing-related work even in a voluntary capacity.

If you feel that you have the knowledge and understanding of the problems experienced by such tenants and will be sensitive and responsive to their needs, then you are the type of candidate we would wish to apply for this post.

Application forms and job descriptions from the Personnel Division, Room 1, Brent Town Hall Annexe, Kings Drive, Wembley, Middlesex HA9 9BR returnable by 15 August. Telephone 01-903 0371 (24 hour Ansafone service). Reference number HB04 must be quoted.

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Wandsworth — A better place to serve

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRES

DEPUTY OFFICER-IN-CHARGE
(RCCO6) Ref G/835) £10,362-£11,355

(3) TEAM LEADERS
(RCCO4) (Ref G/836)
£8,772-£9,510 ext. to £10,068 if qualified

LOCUM TEAM LEADER (Ref G/837)
£8,772-£9,510 ext. to £10,068 if qualified

RESIDENTIAL SOCIAL WORKER
(RCCO3) (Ref G/838)
£7,803-£8,577 ext. £8,994 if qualified

RESIDENTIAL SOCIAL WORKER
(RCCO2) (Ref G/839)
£5,859-£7,668 — £8,058 if qualified

These are four of Wandsworth's exciting new Resource Centres situated in Balham, Central Wandsworth, Putney and South Battersea, and each offers a comprehensive service to the areas in which they are sited. They act as focal points within the community for families in need of support and help. Their objectives include preventing family breakdown, and the rehabilitation of families where breakdown has occurred. The centres each have facilities for ten residents, which can be either children or families and in addition can provide a mixture of day, evening and weekend care, together with an increasing amount of outreach work. Staff in the Centres use a variety of different methods to help families with their difficulties. These include individual counselling, family therapy and group work methods. Commitment to community-based preventive work, field social work, group work or community work is desirable for all posts and essential for the Deputy post. All staff are required to work a 39-hour week on a rota system which will include sleeping-in on a regular basis. For further information please ring the managers.

Mr. G. Williams 01-874 8751 at Wilna Road, Wandsworth, London SW12, about the Deputy, 1 Team Leader and RCCO3 posts.

Mr. P. Brown 01-673 6156 at Bridge House, Balham, London SW12, about the 1 Team Leader and 1 Locum post.

Mr. P. Breathwick 01-878 0134, Woking Close, Putney, London SW15 about the 1 Team Leader

Miss J. Davidson 01-228 0836, Falcon Grove, Battersea, London SW11, about the RCCO1/2.

BETTER SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH A MENTAL HANDICAP

RESIDENTIAL SOCIAL WORKER
(RCCO4 Joint 3rd in Charge) (Ref G/843)
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RESIDENTIAL SOCIAL WORKERS
(RCCO 1/2) (2 posts)
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Application forms from the Director of Social Services, Town Hall, Wandsworth High Street, London SW18 2PU, Tel: 01-871 6236, quoting appropriate Ref No. Closing date: 9th August.

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MIND — in Waltham Forest — Forest Community Project

Care in the community pilot project. We invite applications for the following posts

RESETTLEMENT WORKERS (3)

Level 3 £9,771 inclusive

This action research project involves resettlement of 18 people with long-term psychiatric disabilities from hospital to the community of Waltham Forest.

Using a care and cluster model with central resource and small scale ordinary housing, the care philosophy will be based on normalisation principles.

Duties include helping draft individual care plan in hospital, care management, outreach work in a variety of settings, life skills, training and support in the houses and at the centre.

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THIS POST IS GLC FUNDED.

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For details please phone: SHARON CROOK on 01-519 6797. CLOSING DATE: 14th AUGUST, 1985.

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The Director will be responsible for staff and resource management, budgeting, and setting the priorities for the organisation directorate. He or she would report direct to the General Secretary and appropriate committees of the Executive.

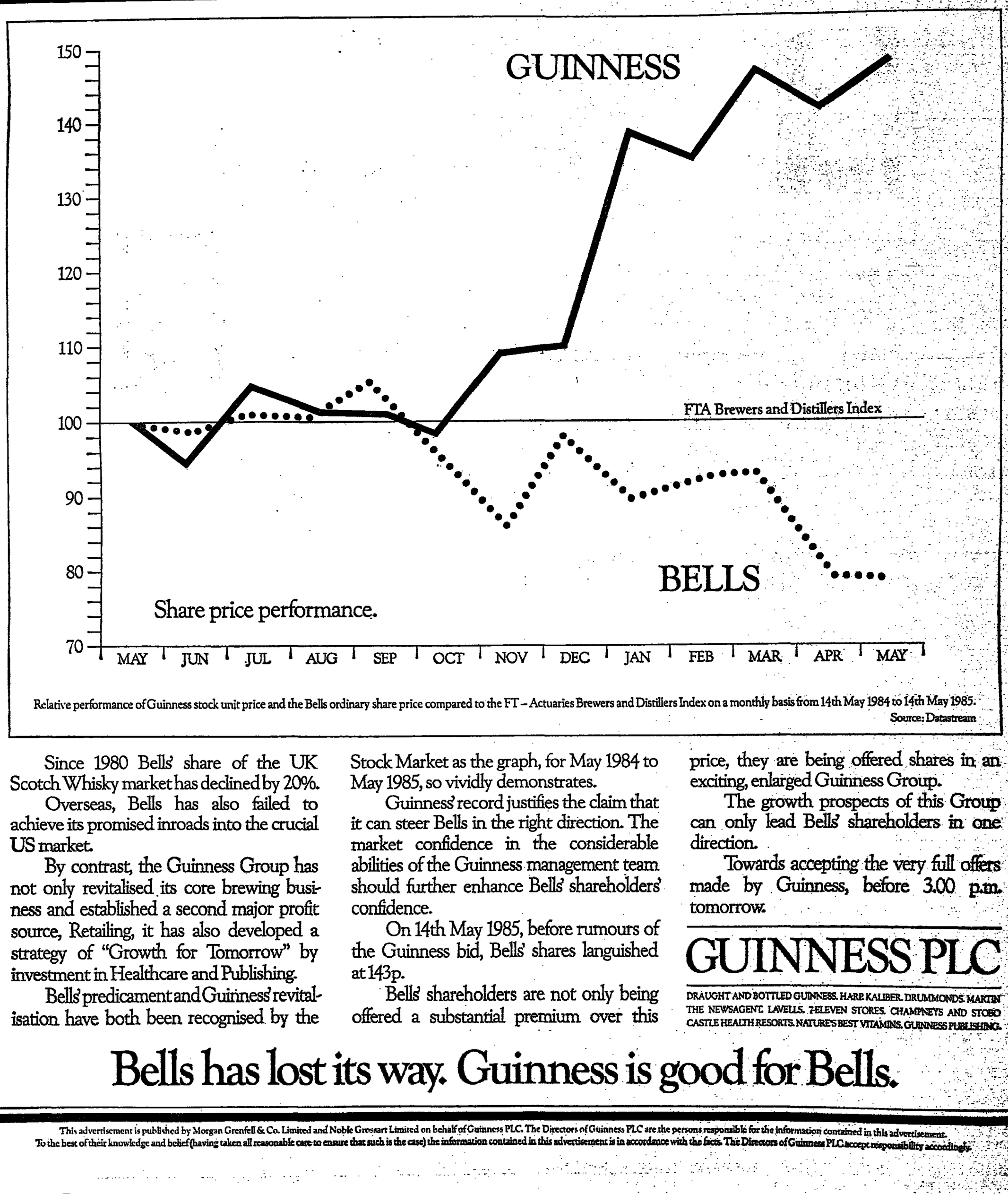
The Director would cover electoral organisation, by-elections, conferences; oversight and co-ordination of regional staff and regional offices, membership recruitment and servicing, training of organisers, conferences, liaison with trade unions, organisation of Women's Sections, Young Socialists and Labour Students, enforcement of rules, the Party's constitution, disputes, adjudications and appeals, the directory of Party office holders, etc.

For application forms and further details please apply to Mr. J. L. Whitty, General Secretary, The Labour Party, 150 Walworth Road, London SE17 1JL. Tel.: 01-703 0833.

Closing date for applications: 15th August, 1985.

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Relative performance of Guinness stock unit price and the Bells ordinary share price compared to the FT – Actuaries Brewers and Distillers Index on a monthly basis from 14th May 1984 to 14th May 1985.
Source: Datastream

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DIARY

WHAT really happened to the log of HMS Conqueror? Pick up a brochure for the computer firm Torch, look at the photo labelled "flexible manufacturing systems applications," screw up your eyes, and you will see, on the desk of the executive in the picture, the very log, whose disapperance excited Parliament. What's this — a terrible gaffe by Marconi or some other firm?

No, just a cunning little stunt by the bright boys at Torch, founded in 1981, staffed mostly by Cambridge high-fliers, and already old in computer terms — it's had its major financial crisis, in which it was to be bailed out, and then wasn't, by Lord Weinstock. Torch has done well with corporate and domestic models, but it hates spending a lot on advertising.

So its executives, who can use one of two company *light* aircraft to weekend in a company villa in France after a 90-hour week, decided to use the sort of coded message that would excite the public — like the "we can all be magic supermen" on the Beatles' Sergeant Pepper LP. But instead, there is a story to be built out of "special" photographs in their brochures.

Find the clues, put them together, send the story to Torch and . . . win a prize? Er, well not quite, says a company spokesman in Cambridge. It's not really a competition in the usual sense of being advertised, with entries and rules. How do you find out about it in the first place? "You have to be in the know. We've told some of our dealers, and they can point the 'masquerade' game out to customers."

We can't have this elitism, can we? And as Torch are too mean to advertise, they won't mind this column suggesting that everyone who's interested in winning one of possibly five (but they're not quite sure) home computers, gets the brochures, works out the clues (they're fairly obvious) and deluges Torch with entries. It might encourage the company to be more generous with the prizes. Otherwise those computers might go unclaimed.

THERE'S no need to give a penny to the £50,000 appeal by a group of Covent Garden dafties who want to build a replica of a pillar which stood at Seven Dials, till it was attacked by a mob in 1773. Demolished but not destroyed, the pillar is happily erect at one end of the main street in Weybridge, Surrey. And though the seven sundials have been replaced by a coronet which now crowns it, at least one of the dials is still in the town. So the dafties would be better employed organising a raiding party rather than fund-raising.

THE Prince of Wales has joined the Architecture Club as an ordinary member, though secretary Peter Murray can't remember if he's paid his £10 yet. The AC isn't quite as ordinary as it likes to pretend. Membership is limited to 300 — half architects and half people. However, Murray is a bit hazy why they've got only 240 presently. No shortage of good arches, though, he insists. Some took part in a recent debate whether classical design was better than modern. Charles thinks it is. The debate was called Vitruvius, art thou sleeping there below? Vitruvius was an Italian who promoted the classical revival. Perhaps the dozy AC meant Vesuvius.

ONCE a rate-capper, always a rate-capper. Ken Livingstone is not going to be allowed to forget the dust-up with GLC councillor John McDonnell, whose constituency party, Hayes and Harlington, have taken to replying to personal letters sent by the GLC leader to McDonnell. So it is that Ken's cosy offer of a free lunch away from County Hall to discuss the healing of the deep rifts on the Left has got a dusty collective answer. No way — and quite a lot of invective, — is the reply signed by all the main H and F officials.

DAVID HOILE, vice-chair of the Federation of Conservative Students' spent a happy eight days in May on patrol with the right-wing Contra rebels in Nicaragua. He might spend a longer, unhappy period of restricted liberty if he is prosecuted. Under the Foreign Enlistment Act, it is an offence for any true Brit "to accept any commission or engagement in the military service of any foreign state at war."

Labour's Latin America spokesman, George Foulkes, has written to Mrs Thatcher, asking her to arrange for the prosecution of Hoile under the 1870 measure. Aha . . . but the Contras hardly constitute a state at war. Foulkes has a 1974 Privy Council ruling on his side. While it was inconclusive about using the Act against the Angola mercenaries, Lord Diplock said the matter did not depend on someone having joined a state at war in the strict legal sense.

John Cunningham

Sowing the seeds of misunderstanding

COMMENTARY
Martin Walker



THE POLITBURO aside, the most interesting single appointment Mr Gorbachev has made has not yet been announced. And if Central Committee traditions are anything to go by, there will be no formal announcement at all. Dr Alexander Yakovlev is the new head of the department of agitation and propaganda at Staraya Ploschad, the rather blasted, yellow baroque building that houses the Central Committee secretariat.

Dr Yakovlev is a short, plump intellectual of 61, with manicured nails, bright eyes, and that air of relaxed competence and self-assurance common to top civil servants and executives in any political system, until two weeks ago, he was the director of IMEMO, the Institute of World Economy and International Relations, one of the key Moscow think-tanks. Before that, he was ambassador to Canada where he impressed Mr Gorbachev when the then rising young man of the Politburo made his highly successful tour of that country.

But an ambassadorial posting is not necessarily a promotion for a bright, ambitious Soviet official with a foothold in the Central Committee. Until he went to Canada, Dr Yakovlev was the deputy head of the same Central Committee department that he now runs. He then wrote a long review of Solzhenitsyn's work in Literaturnaya Gazeta which is still worth reading as the reaction of a loyal and thoughtful Soviet intellectual trying to come to grips with the most remarkable literary phenomenon of his generation.

Dr Yakovlev did not dwell on the usual Soviet critiques of Solzhenitsyn, and chose instead to focus on those aspects of his work that have since disconcerted many of his Western admirers: his Russian chauvinism, the mystic sense of a great mission entrusted to the Russian people and through them to the Orthodox Church.

This interesting and rather impressive review was not at all well received in the higher ranks of the Central Committee of the time, where what one might call the Russophile lobby was in the ascendant. In particular, it offended Mikhail Suslov, for three decades the chief ideologist and grey eminence of the party until his death nearly three years ago.

Over the centuries, this kind of Russophilia has been poisoned by the worst kinds of obscurantism and anti-Semitism. It has been an expansionist philosophy, believing in a Russian "right" to colonise the little Slav brothers of Eastern Europe and the Balkans.

Lenin was one of the sternest critics of this Russian chauvinism. And since 1917, the creed has gone through some fundamental and even benign changes. The current fashion for conservation of old Russian buildings and monuments, after the vandal years of ripping down and new construction which has disfigured so much of Moscow, owes much to the Slavophile tradition.

These are crude categories, and it is unfair to label Solzhenitsyn (or even Suslov) as a Slavophile pure and simple. But Dr Yakovlev's review evidently offended those who however much they disliked the dissident writer's anti-Sovietism, also relished his Russian nationalism. Hence, Dr Yakovlev's posting and effective demotion to Canada. It is therefore significant that the new Soviet leadership should have appointed a man with such an identifiably controversial background to one of the most powerful posts in Moscow.

Dr Yakovlev was never a Slavophile. His studies at Columbia University, and his academic career, producing a series of works that sought to identify and define the ideology behind the American empire, made him a leading figure in what is known in Moscow as the American lobby — that generation of academics, analysts, policy advisers, and diplomats whose careers were based on their familiarity with the US, and on whom Andrei Gromyko came to rely as he ran a foreign policy that was very nearly obsessed with American relations.

During a conversation last week, Dr Yakovlev implied that the dominance of the American lobby was under question. "Perhaps we made a mistake," he said, "to focus so much on the US. Our future must depend on the widest range of bilateral relations — with Europe and China and Japan and the Middle East."

He went on to re-state an argument that he had developed in the course of a round-table discussion with Vadim Zagladin, deputy head of the Central Committee's international department. Its theme was detente, why it had collapsed, and how it could be revived. The recent publication of a transcript of the discussion in a literary magazine gave a remarkable insight into the way Soviet foreign policy is moving under Mr Gorbachev.

What it seems to imply is that those Americans who argue that a policy of Western strength will force the Kremlin either to its knees or to the negotiating table are dangerously misreading Moscow's thinking. Two of the key men in the Central Committee are saying that pressure has to be put upon the US by a more active Soviet role in the rest of the world. If the Americans are going to raise the stakes in the strategic arms race, then Moscow will raise them around the rest of the planet.

So Moscow's American lobby has not abandoned its obsession with the other superpower, so much as shifted the ground on which relations wil be conducted. It sees its new policy of multipolarity as an outflanking move to bring pressure on Washington — at second hand.

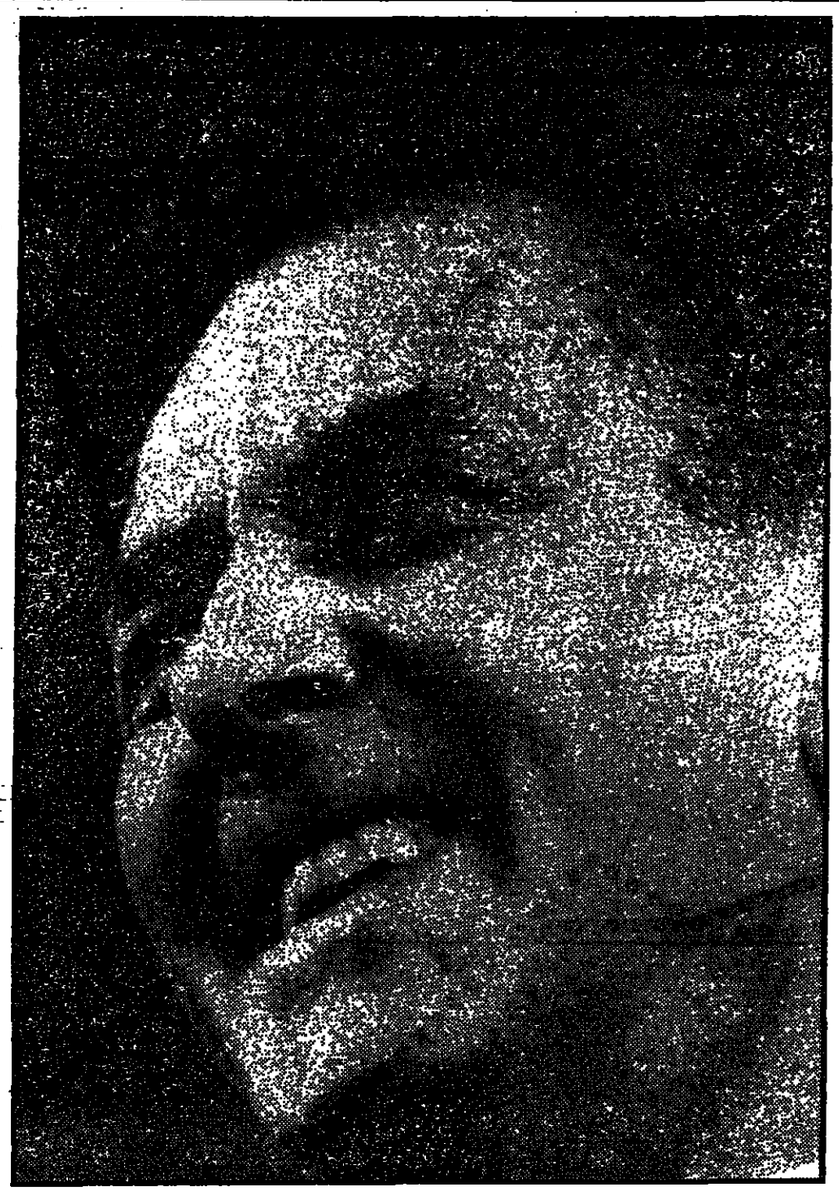
If this is to be the new Soviet policy, it could be dangerous. One reason why detente collapsed was the American perception that Moscow was taking advantage of it to increase its influence around the world — in Angola and Ethiopia, as well as Afghanistan. A Russian policy that seeks to persuade the Americans to accept a new detente in response to new threats in the Third World contains the seeds of many future confrontations.

It also implies that the Americans are misreading Moscow's thinking. Even the highly-trained experts of Moscow's American lobby are capable of fundamentally misunderstanding the way the American system works, and how it responds to perceived threats.

Education's Manchester School liberal



Terry Coleman



Picture by Don McPhee

WISHING to begin at the beginning, I asked Sir Keith Joseph if I was right in remembering his having once said that he was born at an address of which Lady Bracknell would have approved. "I was born in Portland Place," he said "In a billiard room."

A billiard room?

"Well, to be born in Portland Place was just all right, I imagine. During an air-raid. So my mother was taken to the ground floor."

A Zeppelin raid? "I was a 1918 baby."

Later the young Joseph went to Harrow where he was coached at cricket by the great Wilfred Rhodes. Had he been a rigorous master? "Oh yes, because the theme was, 'You don't play cricket for fun.' Do you know what he called the late cut?—'not a commercial risk.' He was a lovely man. I was obsessed by the game. It occupied most of my adolescence. I was just good enough at cricket to play morning as well as afternoon, and winter as well as summer, but not good enough to get into the 1st XI. I used to enjoy myself in the field repeating all the poetry I knew which took a long time."

What kind of poetry? "Oh, Shakespeare. Richard II. 'For God's sake let us sit upon the ground/And tell sad stories of the death of kings.'"

Sir Keith said that at Harrow he had three good teachers who made him work hard. They taught him Spanish, English, and French. Then there was Rhodes the coach.

Why, having been called to the Bar, had he never practised? He said he had read for the Bar by correspondence course at the same time as he prepared, also by correspondence course, to take the licentiate of the Institute of Builders. He became a foreman and then building manager in the family firm of Bovis, dealing with drains, bricks, mortar, and painting.

We were talking in Sir Keith's room at the Department of Education and Science, a mean building near Waterloo Station. He declined to comment on its architecture, but said that he could draw its foundations and its construction, and even, in terms of 1947, price it.

His father, Samuel Joseph, became Lord Mayor of London and was given the usual baronetcy, to which Keith Joseph succeeded in 1944. Then, from 1946 on, apart from learning about foundations and girders, Sir Keith was also a prize fellow of All Souls.

One humane feature of such a fellowship is that it allows a man to do anything or nothing — though I have to say that Sir Keith demurred at my mention of nothing. Himself, he began a thesis on toleration, setting out to distinguish toleration from indifference; but why had he never finished it?

He said he had taken on enough. Apart from his building work he had also become common councilman for Portsoken ward, which included Petticoat Lane; there was the law; and he had started an ulcer, which was not cured until the Sixties.

I think it a great pity that Sir Keith did not complete that thesis, because its subject goes to the heart of how, or whether, a liberal society can survive. But he did, in 1979, publish a book called Equality, which gives an idea of the quality of his political philosophy. It was written in collaboration with Jonathan Sumption, an Oxford historian. Sumption wrote the words: the ideas expressed are Sir Keith's.

Broadly, the book's theme is that no convincing arguments for an equal society have ever been advanced, that no such society has ever been successfully created, and that to create one would inevitably lead to misery and poverty in some parts of the population. Or, as Sir Keith put it more crisply to me, "If you managed to equalise everybody at breakfast time, they'd be unequal by noon."

Hadn't Sir Keith said that some ideas were, in their time, so deep-rooted that any attempt to challenge them was thought in itself offensive, and was equality such an idea? He thought yes, but less so than in the recent past. "I would still want to strive against any equality of outcome. Of course I would." But not, he made clear, against equality of opportunity, which was another thing.

He also believed, didn't he, that egalitarianism had run its course, since say 1860, parallel with the economic decline of Britain? "It's part of the cause, together with a distaste for trade, the assumption that the best brains would be wasted in trade. . . . I should add that the concept of egalitarianism is intended to be beneficial towards the poor but in fact, though it is of course not so meant, it can be deeply hostile to the poor."

You share your destitution around? "That's right."

Sir Keith also said he had been teased in the Commons the other day for having said 20 years ago, as if he should be ashamed of it, that the country needed more millionaires and more bankrupts. But he believed this to be true. It would be at the cost of more risk-taking, but this would create a more prosperous society.

Radical stuff. Sir Keith is widely seen as having been Mrs Thatcher's political mentor; she is without doubt a political radical, and I asked if it was this radical affinity which was reported to make him glow at the sight of her. Did he glow?

"Oh yes, absolutely instinctively. My eyes light up at the sight of her. Even though she's hitting me about the head, so to speak. Oh, just my enthusiasm for her gusto, her energy, her deep humanity and warmth — all the things that don't emerge in public."

But, her humanity and warmth were denied by many people? "Yes, but that's those who don't know her . . . her purpose is not, as widely as it should be, perceived."

According to Sir Keith in his book, J. S. Mill wrote that in 1858 the very idea of equality would have been offensive to most Englishmen. And from my own reading I knew that at the time the word democracy was used almost always in a pejorative sense: it was thought a thoroughly bad thing, with tinges of Americanism. But nowadays egalitarianism was a received idea, which Sir Keith challenged. How far did he challenge that other received idea of democracy?

"Not even in my innermost thoughts. Nor do I think that I've ever given a hint that I did. I've often, often, at talks at universities and polytechnics, defended democracy by quoting Churchill: 'I know democracy — that worst system yet invented, except all the others.' I defend it as I defend private enterprise and all that goes with it . . . . Just as free enterprise is the least bad base that we've yet discovered for prosperity, and employment; and it's indispensable to political freedom."

I said that Robert Lowe (later to become Gladstone's Chancellor) had said after the Reform Act of 1867 that we must educate our masters. How well had this been achieved? "Oh, of course it hasn't been in our view, except to the extent that, whether by education or by the divine gift of common sense, the British electorate makes its judgments."

It sometimes elected Labour governments, though? "But I'm saying that when Labour governments, having been elected, proved not to have magic wands, they were changed."

I drew the attention of the Secretary of State to a quotation made by himself from Adam Smith, that men worked not only for money but for esteem, the esteem of themselves and of their fellows. "The great second book of Smith," he said, with great enthusiasm, the desire to be loved — powerful bdok."

And teachers, who were today demanding vigorously to be paid more, were finding themselves held in little esteem, or in less esteem than they were? "That is the impression I have gathered also."

And would it be rash to suggest that this was so because they had themselves contributed to the decline of deference and discipline? "I wouldn't put it that way. I would prefer to say — I suppose you're saying the same — that they have been part of a process during which the expectations placed upon education have not been fulfilled. That puts it more broadly than you did. We placed almost unattainable expectations on education."

What had that to do with esteem? "If you expect education to be the alchemy that is going to transform society, and education doesn't, or society is not transformed, then the putative magicians share part of the blame."

We came to supply and demand. Sir Keith has previously taken example of the plumber and the don, the plumber being paid twice as much because the supply of plumbers is smaller and the demand for them greater. Now, suppose for the don we substituted the schoolteacher, the arithmetic of supply and demand might be the same, and might make splendid economic sense, but what consolation was that to the poor old schoolteacher earning less than a plumber?

"Ah, but there is an ingredient you are missing out. That is, there must be the desired quality and motivation. To compare a good plumber and a good don, yes. But when you come to introduce teachers, there is the doubt in our minds whether we have, in the past, created a framework that does attract the quality needed. Mercifully we have very large numbers of dedicated and effective teachers. But since the task of teaching is growing harder and harder, both because of the culture of the time and because the government is asking for better results, in behaviour as well as academically, then we have to be concerned about quality."

Yes, but, given that, what was his answer when a competent teacher asked why he was paid less tha na competent plumber?

"Well," said Sir Keith, "Given that — and you are giving that to me, that the quality is right — I would have to say, if we can get the quality that's necessary, and if we can recruit and retain the right quality and the right motivation, then the substance of your complaint is well judged."

Not my complaint. "No, the complaint of the supposed teacher."

Sir Keith then said that it was to keep the teachers that he respected and admired that the Government had offered to transform the promotion structure.

In return, as I understood it, for the acceptance by teachers that they should be appraised: but they didn't want to be appraised, did they? Oh, with respect, said Sir Keith, he had to disagree with that opinion. The unions' attitude was not one of objection. Then he said, "They want it, on their terms. They don't want it to be associated with pay."

Yes, well. Here Sir Keith gave an explanation which I think only someone with a detailed grasp of recent educational politics could understand. I was left reaching my own simplistic conclusion that teachers would welcome appraisal only as log as they had it their way and as long as no teacher lost by it. At this point I asked Sir Keith how many incompetent teachers there were.

He said he assumed that there were a few very bad teachers, and also that noone defended them. Although the unions would see they got what they were entitled to, neither unions nor fellow teachers would weep when, after laborious evidence, they were eased out.

I didn't know why one shouldn't accept that there were quite a lot of dud teachers. There were after all quite a lot of dud lawyers . . . . "And journalists?" Of course.

"And politicians. But I distinguish between the very dud, whom everybody would agree should with fairness be out, and the redeemable duds who can be made effective."

He said there was pretty wide agreement that something should be done about the initial selection and training of teachers. They were in the midst of a fairly draconian review of the training colleges which had, in the Sixties, admitted as teachers some people who weren't frankly, ideally suited. There was now a need for the in-service training of teachers.

Didn't he sometimes want to encourage and reward a teacher who had demonstrated outstanding ability? "Ah yes, particularly if he or she wants to go on in the classroom."

I reminded Sir Keith that he had spoken about "the enormity of nullfying talent," and suggested that some talented teachers must get terribly discouraged. He was nodding in agreement, and said that before the number of pupils fell, there was plenty of promotion, but alas from the classroom to head teacher. It seemed to him absurd that people could gain promotion only by leaving that at which they were demonstrably very good.

We talked briefly about the abolition of direct grant schools which Sir Keith regards as wickedness, and then I asked about the virtual abolition of the grammar school. He said he would not like to appear a champion of the grammar schools alone. He preferred to focus on the working together of the grammar and comprehensive schools. "Now that was never given a chance — perhaps by lack of Tory vision, perhaps because of Socialist apocalyptic fervour."

He then touched on his voucher scheme, which would have given parents the sanction of moving their children away from schools that did not satisfy them. Yes, I said, and told him I had two older children, who had both at one time or another gone to state schools; and I also had two younger children who were not going to be sent to state schools. I suspected there must be quite a few people who felt the same.

"Well," said Sir Keith, raising his hands, "it was Shirley Williams who presided over the greatest growth of independent schools since Edward VI."

And achieved exactly the opposite of what she wanted? "That's right. I find myself here in the anomalous position of someone who doesn't like nationalisation and is yet forced to try and improve the nationalised (school) service by every device I can lay my hands on. And I do it with a good heart because, there it is, we have a nationalised school service. We've had it for generations . . . and we must make it as good as we can for the sake of the children."

Plainly, Sir Keith is a minister who at times anguishes over his work and the state of the world, and at this point it showed. "We're just not setting ourselves sufficiently high standards for state education compared, not with America, but with North-west Europe. This is what the HMI are saying all the time. The expectations of teachers are too low, and too easily satisfied."

Yes, but many of those teachers, most of them perhaps Socialists, thought of him as a damned villain? He didn't know that they were Socialists. He thought most used to be Tories. "But to the extent that they think of me as a villain — I've been a bogeyman for a long time. I don't want to overstate this, but I think few of those who have met me regard me as totally cold-blooded."

But, in the nature of things, I said, few could meet him. And he was, furthermore, a Secretary of State for Education who didn't employ the teachers and didn't own the schools: it was as if a Minister of Defence didn't control the dockyards and airfields, and couldn't determine how his officers should be appointed and promoted.

Not, he thought, as bad as that. He had ways of communicating with his teachers which he hadn't used. He didn't wish to go into details, and was here a bit mysterious.

He could write to them? He said he didn't know the addresses. Well, he could buy television time? "I can't force them, mercifully, to watch. Besides, I'm terrible on television."

He had no intention of resigning? "One may leave involuntarily, but certainly not voluntarily." It was unlikely that he would be asked to resign, considering his affinity with Mrs Thatcher? "I'm concealing no knowledge from you. But life remains uncertain from day to day and week to week."

He then spoke again about the Prime Minister, saying that the prosperity of the country and the quality of public services depended on vulgar old business, trade; that because she said this loud and clear she was regarded as cold, which was not the truth; but that of course there was an inherent difficulty in that the final arbiter of policy had sometimes to be the bearer of harsh as well as of soothing tidings.

It is pleasant to see a man of whatever party show such affection for his chief, and so evidently share her intellectual convictions. You could trust the pair of them to say loud and clear what they thought, though it destroyed them. This is politically unusual.

Did Sir Keith still read aloud to others? "Ah. My children are too grown up. Yes. I read aloud to intimates. Do I enjoy it? Look, the only prizes I won at school, and I won them every year regularly, were for reading aloud, unseen and seen. Churchill gave the prizes and I won them, at Harrow, year after year." In his time he had read aloud to his family from Wodehouse to Shakespeare, sharing round the parts. He remembered one poor child who had to do both Goneril and Regan.

Then I asked about trees, which seem to crop up quite often in his speeches. "How extraordinary. I've always been mesmerised — here I am using an excessive word, just as I used 'obsessed' earlier — I've always been mesmerised by tree life, at one time thought of forestry as a very desirable pursuit, read great books on forestry. I just have a widespread wonder which focuses a little on trees."

Mightn't he more reasonably call himself a meliorist? "Yes, yes, you tempt me there. Making the best of the human predicament."

He was really a Manchester school liberal, wasn't he? "That's right. But liberal — the very word is, the very word is undeserved by the present users of it."

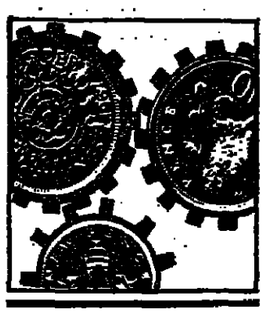
Sir Keith then told a good joke about a former Archbishop of Canterbury, and then we somehow came on to the power of the press. I said I did not know of anything I had written which had ever influenced anyone's beliefs, and moreover did not know of anything written by any other journalist which had.

"And yet and yet and yet, what you've been talking about, the image of Mrs Thatcher, comes drip by drip and drop by drop out of television commentators and press reporters, and, the rate of incest being what it is in your world, the opinion-formers have an enormous influence."

Perhaps.



North Sea oil producers should heed the Boy Scout motto



ECONOMICS AGENDA

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THE TIME is now right for the UK and Norway to think seriously about a radical cut in oil production. Otherwise, this weekend's meeting of Opec, and the meetings that will follow in the years to come, could lead to heavy losses to the exchequers of both countries.

Let us start with what is now obvious to all. Raising the price of crude oil to $34 per barrel in 1979 was a bad miscalculation on the part of Opec. *Oil lost a great many* markets to other fuels at prices in the range of $15 to $30 per barrel. The shock to the economies of the world's industrial *nations led to oil* becoming a declining slice of a shrinking world energy demand cake, and oil resources in remote areas outside the Opec domain suddenly became worth producing.

The huge inertia in the world's energy system meant that these forces have taken time to work through into a crisis for Opec. But when Sheik Yamani talks openly of prices falling below $20 per barrel, the crisis is here. There is little doubt that a further official price cut, along the lines of the $5 reduction agreed in 1983, is going to be needed. Even this may not be sufficient to ensure a recovery in demand for Opec oil. The long-term dynamics set in train by the 1979 price rise still have a fair degree of power left in them.

Saudi Arabia's output has has dropped through all the supposed financial barriers *that were predicted to hold* it up at five then four then 3½ million barrels a day (mb/d). At 2½ mb/d, it is now lower than the UK's *usual output, the illusory* financial barriers to further cuts have been replaced by technical ones that are likely to be harder to break. Saudi Arabia cannot cut back any further. Most other Opec producers will not cut back. Ten of Opec's 13 members have been producing at above their agreed quota level.

Additional medium-term influences, mainly the likely downturn of the American and other OECD economies, will tend to increase the downward pressure. Over the last two years an upturn in economic activity has worked to mask the underlying weakness of the world oil market, with the demand for Opec oil staying roughly constant. Shortly the mask will drop, and oil demand will go below its long-term trend level for two or three years. Those years will be the most difficult period for those who want to see an oil price as high as $20 per barrel, let alone $25.

These are the circumstances that give the North Sea producers possibly their *only chance to influence* world oil prices in the years to come. With a combined current output of 3½ mb/d, the UK and Norway are mid*dleweights in the Western* world oil rankings. The heavyweight, in addition to Opec, is the US (10½ mb/d), but salvation for Opec will not come from this source: the US has too much to gain as a consumer from a falling oil price.

The North Sea producers along with Mexico (three mb/d) come next, and Mexico is already practising self-restraint; there is no doubt that Mexican production could have been considerably above today's levels if maximum expansion had been the aim in the late 1970's. So the North Sea producers could be Opec's best hope of finding the additional downwards flexibility in output that is likely to be required to support the price.

A cutback in production from 3½ mb/d to, say, one mb/d could make all the difference to Opec's survival in the difficult years ahead. But what could induce the North Sea producers to make such a cut? Self-interest provides some of the motivation but not all. Simple arithmetic in*dicates that the annual revenue from producing one mb/d at today's price of $25 per barrel only exceeds the revenue from 3½ mb/d production if the price drops below* about $7 per barrel in the latter case. In addition, the UK and Norway both have strong industrial sectors that could be expected to gain from the increase in world trade that would follow a drop in the oil price.

Some analysts have even suggested that this indirect gain would outweigh the direct losses of lower oil revenues in the UK, for modest oil price drops at least. The political cost of an obvious break with the consuming nations of the OECD could also be severe. So the North Sea producers would require some form of compensation from Opec to make the cut in production worth their while.

This could take several forms: a direct subsidy for each barrel of oil left in the ground or indirect promises of a greater North Sea industrial share in the massive development projects that a strong Opec would surely pursue. What is important at this stage is that Opec stands to gain something like one trillion (a million million) dollars over the coming years through survival and protection of the oil price. If the co-operation of the North *Sea producers* increases the chance of Opec's survival by even a small degree, the amount of money that could rationally be committed to *buy that co-operation* is gigantic.

What of the oil consuming nations of the OECD? They surely could not view the prospect of the North Sea producers becoming implicit cartel members with equanimity. Although the positions are not quite symmetrical, the OECD nations stand to gain about as much from Opec's collapse, a trillion dollars, as Opec would gain from its survival. So if the North Sea producers gave any sign of taking Opec's overtures seriously the OECD would have every incentive to step in with a counter-offer conditional on the UK and Norway keeping production as high as technically possible.

The obvious offer would be a guaranteed price for North Sea oil of say $25 per barrel whatever happened to the world price. The nice thing about this guarantee from the point of view of the OECD is that it would cost anything only if the strategy were successful in forcing the oil price down, and it would cost a lot only if the strategy were very successful.

If the world price fell to $15 per barrel, the subsidy would cost the OECD about a tenth of a trillion dollars over the coming decades, but the resulting lower oil price would bring benefits worth over one and a half trillion dollars to the OECD, making the subsidy clearly a bargain. The continuing exploration of the North Sea, brought about by a guaranteed price of $25 per barrel, would also alleviate one of the major worries about a lower oil price: that the OECD would be delivered back into the hands of Opec in the 1990s by the choking off of investment in non-Opec wells.

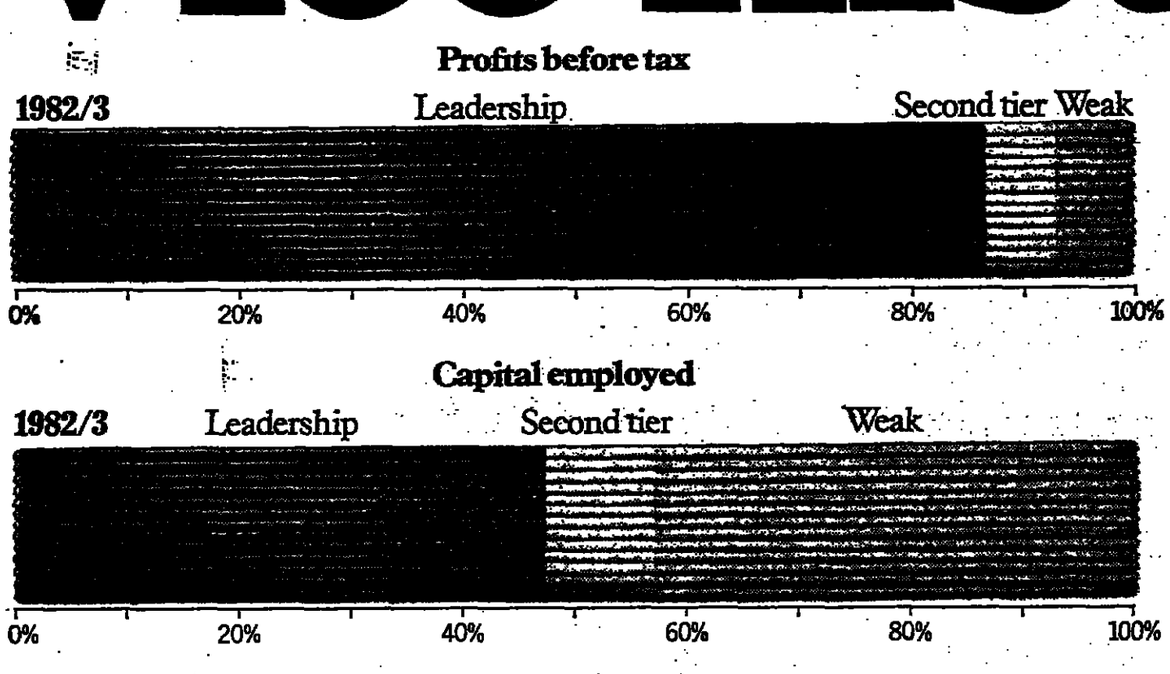
Quite clearly, the kind of offers and counter-offers that we are talking about will only come about if both the OECD and Opec are convinced of two things: first that the output decision of the North Sea producers has a significant chance of affecting the world oil price. This condition is fulfilled now when Opec is not strong, but is reeling under the blows of lower demand and higher production. When Opec looks certain to fall, North Sea production adjustments are insignificant.

The second condition is that the North Sea producers must give some indication that a change in production levels is on the cards. In particular the OECD will have no incentive to offer compensation if it believes that the North Sea producers will certainly keep the wells open of their own accord.

It is in this spirit that the suggestion in our first sentence is made. Quite possibly *neither of the two polar* output options that we have discussed here would be optimal for the North Sea producers, but the stakes are so high that we believe all possible strategies deserve the closest consideration. "Be prepared" is the appropriate motto for the North Sea governments, or we could be among the losers in the largest poker game ever played.

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Service history



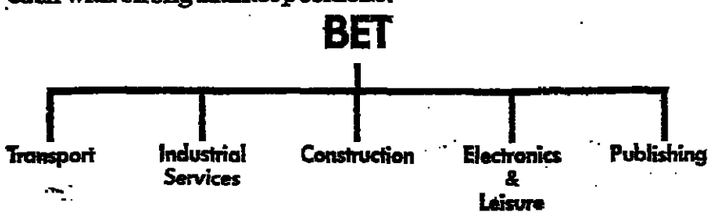
As the bars graphically illustrate, two years ago over 40% of BET's capital was invested in companies with weak market positions generating less than 10% of our profits. This compared with 87% of profits produced by those companies with market leadership which used less than 50% of shareholders' money.

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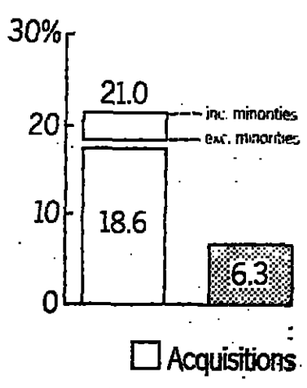
3. We bought companies that were strategically important to our core businesses.
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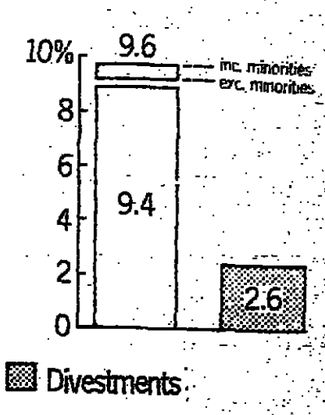
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NOTEBOOK

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BEING sued for libel is a relatively rare experience for a Chancellor of the Exchequer. It is, however, a more frequent occurence in the offices of a national daily newspaper. Since it is a long time since Mr Lawson worked in a newspaper office, it might be helpful to offer a little advice on how he might react.

The obvious person he should talk to should be the Home Secretary, who was, prior to his government appointment, one of the most expensive of that well-heeled brigade, the libel bar. Indeed they still have Mr Brittan's name up on the board at his chambers, in anticipation of his return, though at the moment his room is occupied by a new member of chambers.

Mr Brittan will not have forgotten his renowned skills, and will have the advantage of being able to provide his advice free. (Guardian readers, as taxpayers, have an interest in minimising Mr Lawson's costs.)

The first question he will be asked is whether what he said was true or not. As a case moves forward along ever more expensive legal paths, this little question becomes less and less significant, but on day one you do have to decide your attitude to it.

Here, however, a serious difficulty becomes apparent, and one with which newspapers do not have to cope. What Mr Lawson said on the radio and what he told the House of Commons have to be consistent. Were he to take the view that the best thing to do would be to say, "terribly sorry, all a ghastly mistake — I shall see the minion responsible is shot at dawn," he would be in danger of having misled the House. That, in British politics, is a more serious gaffe than losing a substantial libel action, except possibly where the banner of national security can be waved (cf the Belgrano business).

There is a similar difficulty with the standard minigrovel. That is the one that goes: "Some listeners to the BBC programme . . . might have gained the impression that this is not at all . . ." and so on.

If neither of those courses of action seems appropriate the only thing to do is mount the best defence available and hope the other side will go away/get bored/run out of money/die, or whatever, before it can come to court. A very large proportion of libel actions do go away, but somehow or other that outcome in this one does not look too likely.

It is most important not to allow libel actions to take up too much of one's mind, because if they do, they tend to get in the way of doing the job. Some Guardian readers might feel that the less time Mr Lawson has to do his job and the more he is incarcerated in long tedious discussions with libel lawyers the better, but since we are all footing the bill that would be a slightly perverse reaction.

But libel actions do take a very long time. One of ours which was settled earlier this year had been going for 11 years.

Indeed, given the speed at which most libel actions proceed, it is extremely unlikely that Mr Lawson will still be Chancellor when this one comes to court, were it to do so. But then, by the same token, neither would Mr Brittan still be Home Secretary, and so he would be available for formal (rather than informal) advice. They would be an effective pair in court. This one could rank alongside the Oscar Wilde trial as one of the biggies of the century.

Rather sage

THE foreign exchange markets have duly obliged by kicking currencies around just as people trot off abroad on holiday, a sense of timing which is usually explained by traders wanting to get their books straight before they too take their leave.

But it is interesting that Thomson Holidays, the country's biggest, should use this phenomenon as a marketing ploy. If they can guarantee their holiday prices in sterling terms for summer and winter 1986, why cannot other people? Are not Thomson taking a terrible risk?

In fact it is an extremely good moment to try to fix holiday prices, not because the pound is particularly weak at the moment, for it clearly isn't. It is a good time because British interest rates are very high compared with those in most other industrial countries.

We have to assume that Thomson are not such clots as to fail to cover themselves against at least a fair proportion of their exchange risk. Their income is overwhelmingly in sterling, and their spending is overwhelmingly in foreign currencies. (some things, like aircraft fuel, are priced in dollars, so their exchange exposure is not just in the currencies of the big holiday countries like Spain and Greece.)

But a company like Thomson can buy forward cover on the exchanges based on the relative differential of interest rates in the various countries. If British interest rates are higher than those in the US, the forward markets compensate for this so that the return to an investor is similar.

This means that Thomson can buy dollars now for delivery in a year's time which fix an exchange rate which is actually more favourable than the present one. Last night the spot sterling dollar rate was $1.41, but the one year forward rate was under $1.38.

Forward rates do not tell you what will happen to currencies in the future. They are merely an arithmetic calculation based on relative interest rates.

So Thomson Holidays are really being rather sage: producing a marketing tool which gives customers what they want, fixed prices, but being able to do so at a more favourable exchange rate than the present one.

Were sterling to rise sharply over the next year, then they would be at a competitive disadvantage, as their competitors would be able to pick up their foreign currency more cheaply still. So there is a risk involved however you slice it.

But since the other companies will have to print their brochures soon, and very few tour operators have resorted to that device of the holiday currency deduction because of the strong pound. You get surcharged if the pound is weak, but curiously that process does not seem to work the other way round.

Figures pose problem ahead of sell-off

£1.5bn gas profit brings pressure for price cut

By Michael Smith, Industrial Editor

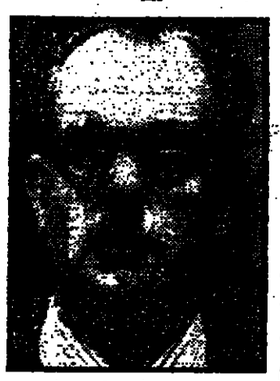
The British Gas Corporation carned profits of more than £1.5 billion in the past year — a weekly rate of nearly £29 million.

The performance, though slightly worse than 1983-84's outcome, is the penultimate report by British Gas before the planned privatisation late next year, and will increase the demands for either a freeze or reduction in gas prices.

Ted Rowlands, the shadow energy minister, said a big cut in gas prices was now the only right and sensible course. "There is no case for profits on this scale paid for by gas customers, whether domestic or industrial," he said.

British Gas yearly accounts show that profits were a shade over £1 billion when measured by conventional accounting methods, a drop of £211 million on the 1983-84 outcome. But the profit was struck after the government soaked up £504 million in the special gas levy.

However, when measured by British Gas's preferred method of inflation-adjusted accounts the corporation's profits were £212 million lower at £736 million.



Sir Denis Rooke

Sir Denis Rooke, the Gas Corporation chairman, described 1984-85 as a year of consolidation. But sales of gas nevertheless grew by over 2 per cent to a record 17.7 million therms, group turnover expanded by £500 million to a peak £69 billion, and the undertaking remained on course to achieve the government target of an annual average 4 per cent return on net assets.

However, British Gas also slashed its capital expenditure by 20 per cent to £812 million, and the workforce was cut by 4,000 to 108,000.

Sir Denis declined to comment extensively on future gas prices, though he repeated that British Gas did not want to make more money than was necessary to run the business.

He also repeated his earlier criticism of the government's gas levy, which has contributed over £1 billion to the Treasury in the past two years alone. "I don't like it and nothing will ever make me like it."

Sir Denis's remarks were echoed by the National Gas Consumers Council, which said the government now took £39 from every gas customer through the levy and taxation.

Sheila Black, chairman of the council, said: "These figures add fuel to our campaign to get rid of the gas levy." The inflation-adjusted profit confirmed the council's view that there was no case for any further rise in gas prices this year.

The future of the gas levy poses a delicate problem for the government, which has been using it as a method of backdoor taxation. But it will be politically difficult to maintain the levy after the corporation is sold into private hands at the end of 1986 and the government will be under pressure to give a clear indication of its intention well before the share flotation.

Saudis want bigger share

OPEC ministers meeting in Geneva heard yesterday that five of the organisation's member states had refused to give the auditors appointed by the cartel full access to their books (John Hooper reports).

Conference sources decline to name the five. As a result of an Opec conference resolution last January, a Dutch firm of accountants was hired to check records of member nations to see whether they were producing more than their allotted quota or undercutting official prices.

The names of the five, were contained in a report of the so-called ministerial executive committee which is charged with overseeing the auditing exercise.

Its chairman, Sheikh Yamani, is determined to clamp down on "cheating" by fellow members — not least because Saudi Arabia, which until earlier this year was Opec's "swing-producer," has been forced to accept a progressively lower share of total output.

The Saudi demand for a bigger slice of the cake also lies at the heart of the other main issue confronting ministers here — how, if at all, to adjust the differentials in price between the various sorts of crude which Opec produces.



Sheikh Yamani

Because of the slump in demand for heavy fuel oil since the end of the miners' strike, the gap between the higher priced light crudes and the lower priced heavy ones is much bigger on the open market than it is in Opec's pricing structure.

As a consequence, officially priced heavy crude has become uncompetitive, and Saudi Arabia, which sticks to Opec's pricing agreements and is the world's biggest producer of the heavy grades, would have difficulty in boosting its share of the market unless the pricing structure were altered.

Sheikh Yamani has said that he would not be opposed to raising the price of the lighter crudes as well as cutting that of the heavier ones — an idea which has found favour with Kuwait and Iran who want to see Opec's average price stay the same.

But it is likely to be fiercely opposed by the light producers, notably the Libyans.

On the other hand, the South American members of the cartel, Venezuela and Ecuador, who are suffering the effects of Mexico's decision earlier this month to cut its prices, would welcome a fall in the price of their heavy crude on the grounds that it would make it more saleable.

Britain and US turn down Opec

From John Hooper in Geneva

The British and American energy secretaries have turned down an invitation from Opec aimed at opening a dialogue between the organisation and other oil producing nations. Opec sources said yesterday. The talks were to have taken place in Vienna in October.

News of the refusals, which are seen here as a slap in the face for the organisation — at the most difficult time in its history, was given to Opec delegates meeting at the start of Monday's first closed session. Only a short while earlier, Opec's chairman, Dr Subroto, made an impassioned public appeal for non-Opec producers to join the organisation in discussing ways of stabilising the market.

A spokesman for the Department of Energy in London said that Mr Peter Walker, Britain's Energy Secretary, had writen to say that he was unable to come "because of his commitments at that time." But the feeling in Geneva is that if the political will had been there he could have rearranged his timetable. "They've just told us to get lost, it seems," said one delegate ruefully.

As a result of successive cutbacks, intended to prop up the price, Opec member states — who together control two thirds of the non-Communist world's oil reserves — now provide less than a third of its supplies.

Yesterday, the authoritative Middle East Economic Survey reported that the organisation's average daily output during the second quarter of this year slumped to 14.7 million barrels a day — its lowest level for 20 years. Britain's policy of maximising production from the North Sea is seen by Opec as the single most influential factor contributing to the cartel's present difficulties.

Opec ministers and officials have been calling for a dialogue with non-Opec producers ever since price cuts by Britain and Norway last October set in motion the current and continuing price slide.

The talks, variously referred to as a "forum or "seminar" and scheduled for October 22-24 were intended to bring together energy ministers from developed and developing countries as well as leading executives in the international oil business.

The British and American refusals were disclosed by Opec's acting secretary general, Dr Fadhil al-Chalabi, in his opening report to the conference. After hearing the news, Iraq's oil minister, Mr Qassim Taki, proposed that the talks should be postponed indefinitely — a view endorsed by Saudi Arabia's Sheikh Yamani. The conference accepted their proposal without dissent.

Green light for Guinness bid sends Bell shares soaring

By Andrew Cornelius

Shares of Arthur Bell and Sons, which is fighting a £300 million takeover attempt by Guinness, yesterday jumped by 9p to 245p on the Stock Exchange on news that the bid would not be investigated by the Monopolies Commission.

Mr Norman Tebbit, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said he had decided on the information before him and in accordance with the recommendation of the Director General of Fair Trading not to refer the merger. He also gave the go-ahead for the proposed £94 million takeover of Lloyd's Life by Royal Insurance.

Mr Ernest Saunders, chief executive of Guinness, said he was "delighted" with the decision to allow the bid for Bell to go ahead. "This clearance recognises the unique credentials of Guinness as a partner for Bell and our ability to contribute to the development of Scotch whisky," he said. Guinness said that its offer "is a full and fair price."

Mr Ray Miquel, chairman of Bell, said he was concerned that the Guinness bid had not been referred to the Monopolies Commission in view of the consequences for the business of Bell and the Scottish region if the bid should succeed.

"However we are confident that we will fight off the bid as we are sure it is not within the interests of the company and its shareholders," he said.

Guinness has already won acceptances for its offer from holders of more than 5 per cent of Bell's shares and is expected to extend its takeover terms at the second closing date for its offer on Thursday.



Mr Ray Miquel

Bell is expected to produce its formal defence early next week.

NEWS IN BRIEF

THE POUND benefited most from the dollar's weakness yesterday, soaring 2.55 cents to close $1.4147. Heavy dollar sales started in New York overnight and continued in the Far East yesterday morning as dealers focused on gloomy prospects of the US economy and interest rates.

In early trading sterling climbed stedily to gain nearly three cents but slipped back by the close. With strong sterling demand in Europe — helped by the lack of any major changes at the Opec meeting — the effective index notched up 0.6 points to finish at 84.2. The DM fell back to 4.0235 and against the dollar firmed up to 2.95.

AT LEAST another 100 bank failures this year and next were forecast yesterday by Mr Williamn Isaac, chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, in testimony before the US Senate banking committee He added that the number of problem banks was 1,000 and urged Congress to act on deposits reform legislation quickly as a way of improving soundness of the banking industry.

OFTEL, the watchdog body established by the government to ensure free competition in telecommunications, yesterday endorsed the decision of British Telecom to buy digital phone exchanges from an overseas supplier.

Professor Bryan Carsberg, director of Oftel, said, however, that the purpose of competitive pressure should be to strengthen not damage British suppliers. Therefore any further shift of orders away from the British System X should be "nominal" for about three years — assuming System X suppliers came up to scratch.

HOUSE of Fraser now has 11.4 per cent of shares in Debenhams, under siege from the Burton group. The Fraser group is expected to continue buying up to the 14.9 per cent level and is likely to exert great influence on the outcome of Burtons £577 million bid.

CHRYSALIS, the records and leisure group, made a predictably bad stock market debut yesterday when first-day trading in the company's shares saw the price slump to a 30p discount. The company's £6.75 million offer for sale flopped with only a fraction of the 4.3 million shares on offer at 200p being sold. Most of the issue was left with underwriters. Yesterday, as dealings began, Chrysalis shares were quoted at 170p. They closed 1p higher at 171p.

MR BILL Jeffrey was yesterday appointed chief executive of Sinclair Research. Mr Jeffrey, aged 40, joined Sir Clive Sinclair's company last March from Mars Electronics to head the TV and communications division. Sinclair Research said that the details of the proposal for the Robert Maxwell takeover of the company should be completed by mid-September, and Mr Jeffrey's appointment had been made with Mr Maxwell's support.

Privatised shipyard wins MoD contract

By David Simpson, Business Correspondent

Tyne Shiprepair, the former British Shipbuilders subsidiary which is now privately owned, has won a multi-million pound Ministry of Defence contract which had been expected to go to one of the remaining BS warship yards.

The MoD announced yesterday that it has awarded the contract to convert the Royal Fleet auxiliary vessel, Orangeleaf, into a refuelling-at-sea vessel.

Other contenders for the contract are believed to have included the Cammell Laird yard on Merseyside, whose only current workload consists of a Type 22 frigate order placed by the MoD earlier this year.

Cammell Laird is to be incorporated into the Vickers shipyard at Barrow-in-Furness and offered for sale at the end of this year. While some 1,000 jobs have been secured at the yard by the Type 22 order, further redundancies are thought likely unless the yard can boost its workload fairly swiftly.

Tyne Shiprepair, the bulk of whose present employees consist of hourly paid casual workers, has been a leading beneficiary of the competitive tendering procedures introduced by the MoD last year.

Since then, it has received a number of material orders, including the contracts to rebuild the RFA Sir Tristram, sadly damaged during the Falklands war.

The Euryalus contract, together with the award of the refit contract for the submarine, HMS Otter, to another private firm, Humber Shiprepair, led to a serious industrial dispute at Rosyth dockyard a few weeks ago, when workers refused to allow materials to be moved from the Fife yard to the two private yards.

Commons concern at ECGD decline

By Michael Smith, Industrial Editor

An all-party group of MPs has expressed concern at the "very dramatic decline" in the finances of the state-owned Export Credit Guarantee Department.

The MPs, members of the powerful Committee of Public Accounts, point out that the losses have been caused by international debt problems, but say that "worthwhile results" could be achieved through a lower proportion of business with high-risk countries.

The ECGD, the export credit insurance agency, lost £148 million in 1983/84 and the MPs are particularly concerned at the increasing levels of private sector losses on the agency's results.

"In view of the increasing levels of private buyer insolvencies and defaults, the ECGD should examine whether they can improve their checks on buyer status and secure higher recoveries of claim payments," says the report.

The MPs, led by Mr Robert Sheldon, recommend that ECGD should not provide refinancing agreements unless there are real financial benefits to the nation and that when normal world trading conditions reappear, the agency should reasses its exposure to high-risk political countries.

The MPs also want the government, through the Department of Trade and Industry, to review the possibilities of securing an internatonal agreement on the levels of insurance cover provided to exporters.

In addition, the MPs' report also expresses concern at the "inadequacies" in ECGD's arrangements for providing information for the efficient and effective management of its activities and resources.

NCC warns of threat of out-of-town superstores

By Rosemary Collins

The threat posed by out-of-town superstores to the traditional high street is against the interests of pedestrians, the elderly, and mothers with young children, the National Consumer Council said yesterday.

"It is worrying that most major retail companies' announcements about their plans for the 1990s concentrate on the need for size and development of out-of-town centres," Mr Michael Montague, the NCC chairman, said. "The combination of Woolworth's and Comet, Asda and MFI Sainsbury and British Home Stores, Marks and Spencer and Tesco could be a very real threat to our high streets."

Mr Montague said that planning authorities "need to take a more robust, long-term view of shopping needs and provision." It was no answer to attempt to protect an existing high street by refusing planning permission to an out-of-town hypermarket.

He urged local councils to "identify a positive strategy" instead of letting time and future trade, pass them by.

Mr Montague was presenting the NCC's annual report, which showed that the council, which was set up by the government in 1975 to represent consumers' views in official policy-making, received a grant of just over £1.4 million last year. It spent £691,867 on staff salaries and £296,011 on commissioned research into public attitudes.

American biotech factory for Scotland will be the biggest in the world

By Peter Large, Technology Correspondent

A £30 million American biotechnology factory—the biggest of its kind in the world—is due to be in operation at Livingston New Town, near Edinburgh, by the end of next year. The project involves about 300 jobs.

Government grants are included in the deal, which was sealed in London yesterday by the Scottish Secretary, Mr George Younger. He described it as a breakthrough project for Scotland and the UK.

The factory will make monoclonal antibodies — man-made proteins used in the diagnosis and treatment of major diseases, including cancer. Damon Biotech, of Boston, will own 80 per cent of the venture, but a European venture capital consortium has raised nearly half the new capital and will have voting control in the British subsidiary.

Damon Biotech's president and chief operating officer is a British brain-drainer, Dr Nigel Webb, aged 38. He will also head the UK operation. The Scottish Development Agency will build the plant and is taking a small equity stake.

Dr Webb said yesterday that the majority of the new jobs would not necessarily be for graduates. Damon Biotech's employment at present was about 50 per cent graduate, but experience in Boston with the start of manufacture had shown great success with the training of school-leavers.

Mr Younger said that within a week of the first contact with Damon Biotech, he and the junior industry minister, Mr John Butcher, had met Dr Webb at the Commons; Scottish Development Agency officials had visited Boston; and an aid package had been put together.

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Merchant fleet 'will decline further'

By Andrew Cornelius

The UK merchant shipping fleet, which has been cut by half during the recession in world trade since 1980, is expected to decline further between now and 1992, according to a report commissioned by the government.

The report, by the Lloyd's of London Shipping Economics Advisory Group, concludes that significant reductions are anticipated in the products tanker fleet, the bulk cargo ship sector, and the tug fleet.

It says that the projected change in North Sea oil production will account for the estimated 4 per cent decline in the supply vessel fleet, but that only minor changes are expected in the fishing fleet, where restructuring is expected to be completed by the end of 1986.

The Department of Transport commissioned the report as part of a wide-ranging review of Britain's shipping needs to 1992. Further studies are taking place in the department and at the Ministry of Defence to assess the strategic implications of the declining merchant fleet.

British Rail property sales to fall

By David Simpson

British Rail Property Board's sales of surplus railway land and buildings are set to fall this year after peaking last year.

The board said yesterday that gross sales in the current year will be about £75 million, roughly in line with the 1983 figure, compared with disposals worth £152.8 million in the 15 months to March 31, 1985.

The board's contribution to British Rail will be about £100 million this year. In the last 15-month period, the board made a record £200 million cash contribution to the railways.

The BR Property Board profit came from its net surplus of £131.2 million on asset sales, with 2,486 separate lots of property being sold, and through a net profit on letting income of £56.4 million, from gross income of £82.3 million.

One of the continuous growth areas for income is the letting of railway viaduct arches as workshops for small businesses, with 8,000 arches now in use, generating £17 million in revenues last year.

Pawn the Rembrandt and you could be a Lloyd's name

By Mary Brasier

Hock the Holbein, pledge the Pissarro. Sotheby's is offering to turn family heirlooms into membership of Lloyd's for those prepared to risk not just home but Hockney too to become an underwriting name.

The fine art auctioneers have devised a scheme with brokers Hogg Robinson which allows works of art to count towards the annual means test Lloyd's members must undergo. Until now aspiring names have had to put up the £100,000 minimum required in the form of cash spare property or stocks and shares. Fine art assets were not the kind of security in which Lloyd's felt it could have the utmost good faith.

Sotheby's has got round that by offering to value works of art and guarantee 35 per cent of the valuation against a collapse in the market. Sun Alliance Insurance Group will back that up with a counter indemnity against such imponderable risks as the owner going mad and destroying the item. On that basis Barclays will then provide a bank guarantee which is the sort of currency Lloyd's is used to dealing in.

The idea was Julian Radcliffe's at Hogg Robinson. He was irritated at inheriting both a large picture collection and a large tax bill on his father's death, and being unable to use the paintings as assets for his Lloyd's membership.

Mr Radcliffe believes the scheme will appeal to potential Lloyd's members and to several hundred who want to increase their underwriting limits using works of art as additional security. Presumably stricken names on the PCW syndicates even may be able to substitute the family silver for their dwindling cash assets in order to carry on underwriting. Only UK residents are eligible for the moment though.

Sotheby's, not slow to see a good business opportunity, say the scheme is part of the development of a range of services to collectors. UK chairman, Mr Julian Thompson says it will help collectors to generate income from collections which are currently a drain on resources.

"We are not encouraging the purchase of works of art for investment as a type of financial asset. What we are trying to do is make it easier for people to own works of art. We hope in the longer term it will encourage collectors to buy works of art in the higher price brackets."

Sotheby's guarantee and valuation together with Hogg Robinsons' administration (they will provide insurance cover if necessary) and Sun Alliance's indemnity will cost names two per cent of the sum guaranteed with a minimun charge of £750. That is twice the cost of a conventional bank guarantee.

Not just any work of art will do, either. Although Sotheby's advertises expertise in 70 collecting categories including Rock 'n Roll memorabilia, an electric guitar is unlikely to serve as an entre'e to Lloyd's as easily as an Impressionist painting.

Export support for small firms

The creation of export sales companies by leading United Kingdom multinational exporters to market the goods of small firms operating in their industries overseas is proposed by a group of Conservative MPs.

The group, headed by Mr Richard Page, also calls for a progressive increase in the British Overseas Trade Board's budget for the next three financial years.

Cannon aims for multi-screen success

By Hilaire Gomer

Cannon Classic, the UK cinema arm of Cannon International of the US, is about to announce an eight-screen cinema development worth up to £3 million. It is talking to local authorities about three different projects at the moment and should have clinched the first by the beginning of August, said Barry Jenkins, Cannon Classic's managing director.

This follows Thorn EMI's announcement on Monday that it is to develop an eight-screen "multiplex" for its ABC circuit as part of a re-development of Salford Quays, outside Manchester, to cost £3.5 million.

American Multicinema Corporation, in a joint venture with the Bass brewery group, revealed in April that it was to build a £7.5 million complex involving 10 cinemas, a club, a restaurant and a bingo hall in Milton Keynes.

"Multiplex" is an Americanism for a many-screened cinema. Thorn claims its will be the first of its kind in the country (though Cinecenta pioneered the idea with fewer screens over here in the 1960s). The Salford multiplex opens next year and will seat a total of 1,840; the largest cinema will take 270 seats. It is part of a multi-million pound complex of shops, restaurants, offices, a hotel, a marina and extensive car parking.

Cannon, which bought the Classic cinema chain from Lord Grade's Associated Communications as a loss-maker in June 1982, plans to have a 400-seater among the cinemas in each complex, together with franchised fast food restaurants.

After years of neglect by the companies, re-furbishment and audio and visual improvements in cinemas are now in vogue. This is British Film Year, so the trend has received extra momentum. The cinema chains are spending £1 million a month between them on upgrading shabby sites.

Rank Organisation, number two in the UK cinema league after Thorn, recently told shareholders that reducing the cost of cinema tickets in northern England to 99p each had pushed up admissions three-fold. Good half time pre-tax profits of £62.8 million, up a third, were partly due to an exceptional year in cinema attendances—8.25 million people visited Rank's Odeon and Gaumont cinemas, up 50 per cent on last year.

Rank's theatre director, Tony O'Ferrall, said yesterday: "Thorn-EMI's venture is a bold and ambitious step which we are watching closely. The capital investment required for a purpose built multiplex is pretty considerably. We are concentrating on improving the cinemas we've got—we've been spending between £2 and £3 million a year. We cannot rule out the multiplex route, however."

Part of the trend away from the video at home to a night out at the cinema is explained by the popularity of some recent films. Mr Jenkins said: "We have had some very good films on release in the last two years—the Spielberg films, "A Passage to India," and now the new Bond films and "Police Academy Two." These films have helped Cannon turn a loss into healthy profits for 1983 and 1984, and another good result is expected.

Gary Dartnall, chairman of Thorn-EMI Screen Entertainment, said: "I think the video has peaked. People want to see films as soon as they come on release and with all the frills of Dolby sound and a big screen."

Cannon, third in the cinema chain league has 58 sites with 126 screens, mainly in the South-east, and 21 screens in the West End. It is dedicated to the cinema revival. "We originated cut-price tickets with cheaper Mondays a year ago. Last Monday our take was just £2,000 short of our Saturday's takings, so it does work."

Thorn-EMI says it has been cutting price of seats in the north, like Rank, for some time, and has more than doubled attendances in some cinemas.

"We opened our last new cinema 40 years ago. It's a neglected industry which has failed to follow the audience from inner cities out to the suburbs. Modern cinema-goers want somewhere to park, somewhere to eat and pleasant surroundings, which we intend to give them in Salford." Mr Dartnall said.

"We are doing what the Americans did as long ago as the 1960s — making cinema-going an event—and look how healthy audiences are over there."

Gilts feature with sterling on recovery trail

THE MARKETS

The gilt-edged sector stole the limelight in an otherwise drab stock market yesterday, closing with gains to ¾ of a point as the pound recovered from Monday's falls on the foreign exchanges. Elsewhere, however, the picture was quiet and on the dull side, with equities drifting lower on lack of support.

There was still uncertainty concerning the intentions of the Opec ministers, and the oil sector suffered losses as fears about price cuts in heavy crude reverberated. In addition, with the ICI interim statement due tomorrow, few investors were willing to commit funds in advance of the announcement.

However, towards the end of the session, markets started to lift off worst levels, with chartists mentioning 923 on the FT 30 share index as a support level. If the market closed below this, pundits were saying, a fall of another 10 to 15 points could be on the way. Eyes will be on the index today and tomorrow, when the ICI results in particular could precipitate further falls. Meanwhile, ICI themselves closed well off the bottom, down 1p at 686p after 681p.

Elsewhere in the equity market, Beecham bucked the trend among leaders, rising 10p to 325p ahead of today's AGM, and on hopes for the new drug Eminase. Banks were dull once again, with Standard Chartered suffering particularly as the situation in South Africa showed no improvement. The shares fell 15p to 459p.

On the bid front, there was a flurry of excitement early on with news that the Guinness bid for Arthur Bell had beaten the so-called "Scottish lobby" at the Monopolies Commission, and the offer was given the go-ahead by the Secretary of State. Arthur Bell firmed by 16p initially, though it lost the best to end 10p ahead at 246p. Guinness dropped 3p to 247p, while Matthew Brown, themselves the subject of a bid from Scottish and Newcastle Breweries, gained 10p to 383p on hopes that this bid too would be given the green light.

Engineers on the whole tended to lose ground. One exception was Evered, 16p ahead at 242p, still excited by the consortium stake taken in TI Group recently. TI itself met profit-taking which left it 6p weaker at 319p.

Builders made selective progress in places, and stores provided one or two bright spots, but on the whole consumer sectors suffered despite a resurgence of hopes for an early base rate fall. Insurances gave ground. Golds, dull on Monday as the South African troubles flared, managed to recover most of their falls in the heavyweights, ending with gains to about four dollars at best.

Chrysalis opened at the expected 30p discount at 170p. Almost all of issue was left with the underwriters at last week's 200p offer. Leaders were trying to rally towards the end but still finished with a majority of falls. Oils were out of favour as the Opec ministers discussed price cuts.

Main changes: TI group 319p down 6p; Evered 242p up 16p; Beecham 325p up 10p; ICI 686p down 1p; CASE 184p down 18p; Standard Chart 459p down 15p; Matthew Brown 383p up 10p; A. Bell 246p up 16p; Guinness 247p down 3p.

Turnover for July 22 was: Number of bargains 14,741; value £252,857 million.

● Frankfurt: Equity prices fell in light, nervous trading pressured by the US dollar's decline on foreign exchange markets. The Commerzbank index fell 10.5 points to finish at 1405.8.

● Tokyo: Prices declined for the second straight session in the absence of incentives. Trading was active. The Dow Average of 225 selected issues fell 8183 yen to close at 12,762.53.

● Hong Kong: The market opened lower and continued to decline on selling pressure before buyers re-entered the market and some losses were recouped. The Hang Seng Index closed at 1,673.85 down 16.

● Money Markets: Dealers reported a moderately busy day in interbank periods as the pound staged an advance that stirred base rate hopes to renewed bullishness. At the end of the day, with the Bank of England still trying to hold the line (presumably until the Opec meeting is over) rates came a little off the bottom in places. They remained 1/16 to ¼ below the levels of the previous evening.

FT Ordinary Share Index down 4.2 at 921.1. FT-SE 100 Index down 8.0 at 1233.1. Pound: $1.4147; DM: 4.62; Fr: 12.23. Gold: $322. Account: July 15 to 26. FT All Share Index down 4.0 at 595.12. Sterling Index: 84.2 (1975=100). RPI: 376.4 (June) up 7 per cent on year.

COMMODITIES

Copper: cash £1,059 per tonne; three months £1,062 per tonne.

Tin: cash £9,070 per tonne; three months £9,052 per tonne.

Lead: cash £283 per tonne; three months £291 per tonne.

Zinc: cash £548 per tonne; three months £536 per tonne.

Silver: spot 433p per troy oz; three months 446p.

Rubber: spot 67p per kilo; Aug £680 per tonne; Sept £680 per tonne; Oct £770 per tonne.

Coffee: July £1,457 per tonne; Sept £1,489 per tonne; Nov £1,529 per tonne; Jan £1,578 per tonne; Mar £1,620 per tonne; May £1,665 per tonne.

Cocoa: July £1,750 per tonne; Sept £1,695 per tonne; Dec £1,685 per tonne; Mar £1,695 per tonne; May £1,713 per tonne; July £1,728 per tonne.

COMPANY BRIEFING

Growing AAH's prospects bright

AAH's coal business flourished in the final quarter of the year to March 31, even though it had to rely on higher-priced imports as the miners' strike dragged to a close. Following the big move into pharmaceutical supplies, culminating in the Vestric acquisition from Glaxo, prospects at the year end are bright.

After the slight shortfall seen in the first nine months, turnover finally showed a £19.5 million gain to £521 million without any contribution from Vestric. Pre-tax also began to accelerate and the £11 million forecast made at the time of the March acquisition was exceeded.

The £11.25 million total compared with £10.47 million previously and the proportion from solid fuel increased to just over half. Earnings were lowered by much heavier tax, in spite of the lower amount attributable to the National Coal Board, which shares in the building interests as well as the fuel operations.

Coal profit was 10 per cent up, thanks to the late hard winter, though the much smaller, but expanding, oil business felt the competitive squeeze. Conversely, builders' merchanting — brickmaking apart — suffered from the bad weather and low demand for cement mixes from the NCB. Profit almost halved.

The chemists' supplies business recouped much of this shortfall with a 60 per cent leap to £2 million in trading profit, boosted by previous acquisitions. Its sales increase of a quarter to £93 million will be small beer after Vestric adds well over £300 million. Current performance is said to be excellent, with Vestric easily surpassing the indicated £3.1 million profit.



William Pybus

As indicated, the dividend is going up another 10 per cent to 6.7941p net a share, including the final of 4.1261p. The drop in earnings to 12.6p is regarded as a temporary tax quirk, and the chairman, Mr William Pybus, says that the results do not reflect the potential of the enlarged group. He warns that the NCB will have to look to its laurels to supplant recent import suppliers, but is confident that there is good scope for exports as well as increased supplies to industry.

As the £15 million Vestric acquisition was covered by a share issue, and interest costs fell quite sharply to £1.7 million for the year, there is considerable justification for the rise in the share price.

Gaunt is well ahead

A 30 per cent increase in sales for the first half of the current year is reported by the Leeds-based clothing manufacturer and retailer, Rowland Gaunt. Sales rose to £3.38 million from £2.59 million while the first-half profit doubled to £60,000.

In view of the group results for the first half and the sales trend in the second half to date, the board is confident that profits for the year to the end of October will be well ahead of those for the comparable period of last year. They company intends to recommend a final dividend.

Gaunt recently acquired Henry Barrie, a Manchester-based schoolwear retail business which in turn owns the minority interest in Barrie Schoolwear.

Beau Brummel's sales have shown an increase of more than 20 per cent compared with last year, mainly through the significant increase in trouser production. Profits for the period were ahead of forecast and the board anticipates a further increase in the second half when sales and profits are customarily higher for seasonal reasons.

Preedy buoyant

Alfred Preedy & Sons, the newsagent and tobacconist is expecting another year of strong profits, after achieving an 18 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £859,000 for the year ending in March, on turnover up 23 per cent to upped 10.7 per cent giving £1,017,000. The dividend was upped 10.7 per cent giving 3.875p for the year.

The profits increase was due substantially to a buoyant retail contribution, but earnings were not quite up to expectations because of trading difficulties in the wholesale, printing and school contracting divisions. As a result the shares fell 2p to 108p.

The wholesale division suffered from squeezed gross margins as well as costs in closing the Brownhill depot and a higher than usual occurrence of bad debt.

The closure of unprofitable stores resulted in a £91,000 extraordinary charge, though this was more than offset by a £249,000 extraordinary credit after property sales.

Preedy has sold its distribution of Ronson flame products for £1.1 million as there was little scope for expansion.

Forshaws rights

The Northwest brewers, Forshaws Burtonwood, are raising £3.24 million through a two for nine rights issue, the proceeds of which will be used to increase the company's capital base.

This is needed to help fund the substantial level of fixed capital investment required to redevelop and upgrade the company's brewery.

This is a long-term project which will start this year with the installation of a new kegging plant and an extension to the bottling store. It is expected that this first phase of modernisation of the brewery will take three years to complete.

After that work will begin on the modernisation of the brewing facilities. The proceeds of the issue will also be used to expand the company's hotel and other activities when opportunities occur.

YELLOWHAMMER, a fast-expanding agency, is joining the growing ranks of advertising and public relations companies seeking a public flotation for their shares by a quotation on the Unlisted Securities Market. The group is coming to the market by placing 24.9 per cent of its shares at 110p, giving it a stock market value of £11.4 million. Yellowhammer is forecasting pre-tax profits of £1.15 million for the year to March 31, 1986.

Bid for Scots trust

Hard on the heels of the approach for Murray Growth by Merchant Navy Officers Pension Fund, Scottish Northern Investment Trust has received a bid worth around £115 million from Throgmorton Trust. SNIT recently planned to change managers, employing the aggressive Stanecastle Assets and had intended to switch more of its holdings overseas. Throgmorton has other ideas which have not gained immediate approval from SNIT's board as it has other propositions to consider.

The half-share, half cash bid would create a £300 million fund which would favour smaller United Kingdom investments. These have formed the basis for Throgmorton's exceptionally strong performance recently. The cash element in the bid would gear up such investment. One of Throgmorton's best holdings is R. Green, the Brighton property developer. Two years ago it also took over Pentland Investment Trust whose United States holdings proved highly profitable.

Hampton expands

Hampton Trust, the property and mining investment group, intends to continue expanding its UK property portfolio after making substantial acquisitions during the past year.

Pretax profits at the group grew from £119,000 to £677,000 in the year to March 31 compared with the previous year, helped by the expansion of the property portfolio. Hampton's property investments rose from £7 million to £17 million. Part of the increase stemmed from the revaluation of the existing portfolio of investments and rent reviews, with the balance coming from the new properties.

Since the end of the year Hampton has paid £1.7 million for an 87 year leasehold interest in Phase 2 of a new shopping centre at Edmonton Green which has been let to the Borough of Enfield at £476,000 a year. This takes the group's property portfolio to £18.7 million of which shops take 64 per cent of the value, offices 14 per cent and industrial/commercial 22 per cent. Rental income from these investments is expected to rise from £1.67 million this year to £2.35 million each year over the next five years.

Hampton's investments in oil and gas wells increased with new drilling at 16 wells in the United States and full production at a total of 19 working wells.

RMC GROUP has sold its half share of Ready Mixed Concrete Hong Kong to Anderson Asia Holdings for £6.01 million. Anderson, which is a subsidiary of Hutchison Whampoa, already holds the other half share in RMC Hong Kong. RMC said that the current nature of the ready mixed concrete market in Hong Kong and the location of raw material resources have made it appropriate for RMC Hong Kong to be wholly controlled by a group whose interests are predominantly related to Hong Kong.

Stealing limelight

Abbey Life may have stolen much of the limelight in the insurance sector lately, but rivals Allied Dunbar (the old Allied Hambro Group) yesterday countered with a sharply better performance during the first half of 1985.

Allied Dunbar — now part of BAT — increased both new annual premiums and new initial commissions, the all-important lead indicator of a company's growth, in the first half of the year. Abbey last week reported interim figures which showed, as expected, unchanged new business sales and a slowdown in new annual premiums.

Life business was expected to fall back after the sales boom the previous year when the Chancellor removed LAPR in the Budget. But Allied Dunbar has reported a 26 per cent increase over last year's buoyant figures with new annual premiums of £62.4 million.

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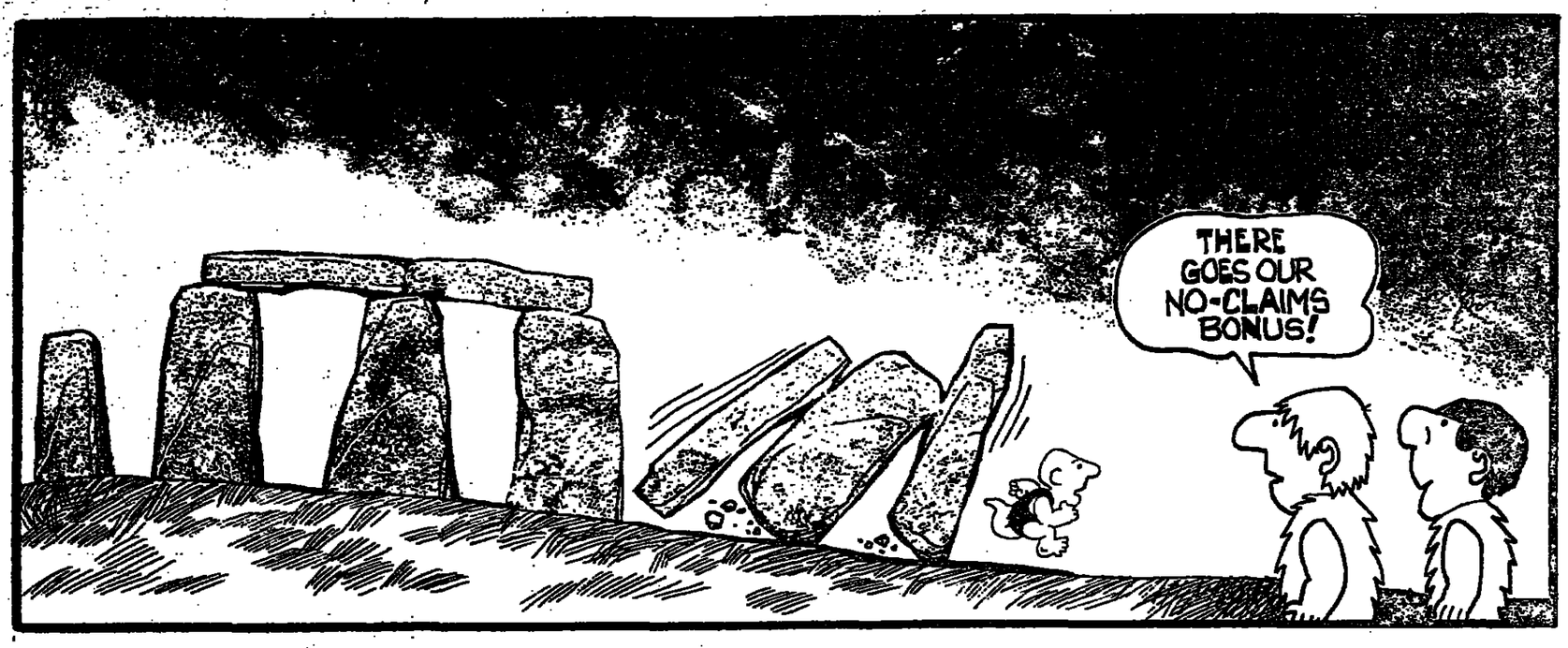
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Architects face a crisis of indemnity

Martin Pawley sees a profession hit by premiums



INSURANCE is a boring business, at least it is until you wreck your car, or a *corner of your house* subsides in a drought. I remember being rhetorically challenged about this by a sprightly RIBA examiner when I was teaching at the Architectural Association: "I ask you," she said. "What has life insurance got to do with life?"

At the time I could think of no answer but that was because I was not a practising architect. Today insurance has got so much to do with professional life (for architects, lawyers, accountants, doctors, dentists) that it has become a matter of life or death.

It is not only the multinational drug and chemical corporations that face colossal claims for damages when things go wrong, but their professional advisers too: *and when serious litigation* begins it is the party with the most accessible assets who ends up being taken to the cleaners.

Right now the Royal Institute of British Architects is in deep water as a result of a well-meaning attempt to get its membership out of an insurance crisis that has many of them facing the sort of increases in premiums that would have car drivers resorting to pubic transport en masse. How would you like your motor policy to go up by 320 per cent in a single year?

The indemnity insurance business began to go wrong in 1977 when an historic court decision in the case of Anns-v-Merton suddenly extended the period of the architect's liability from the previous contract period — six or 12 years, depending on the type of contract — to practical eternity.

Subsequent rulings have somewhat modified this shattering blow, and a commission headed by Lord Scarman has actually proposed a "long stop" to litigation at (its opponents insist) a mere 42 years, but the present situation is very dangerous to all professional consultants. In the wake of Anns-v-Merton the art of suing architects flourished in so spectacular a fashion that several underwriting groups pulled out of indemnity insurance altogether.

If a legal decision opened the door to crippling claims, it was the newly skint public sector that was the first to rush through it.

Still with unlimited resources at least for litigation, every public client from the Department of the Environment to the smallest local authority now pursues every possible claim to the bitter end. Worse still, they now *insist that public commissions* can only go to architects carrying a minimum £250,000 cover.

"Today it's a catch-22 situation," says Clifford Lansley, chairman of the hastily formed RIBA liability committee. "If architects pay the new high premiums, soaring overheads can force them out of business; if they reduce their cover, or go without, they will be excluded from virtually all public sector work."

The attitude of the Housing Corporation, which is responsible for all Housing Association projects, is typical. According to Lansley, housing associations requesting public funds for essential repairs are required to certify that all possible claims for defects or negligence have been initiated and that any money recouped in the courts will be set against the cost.

Traditionally almost 80 per cent of the professional liability insurance for architects in Britain has been handled by a small agency called ABS — a branch of the innocent-sounding Architect's Benevolent Society which, as its name implies, is chiefly concerned with rescuing ancient architects in distress and running a handful of homes for the sick and disabled.

Even today all ABS premiums contain a donation to this charitable work. Unfortunately a kind of *management buy out took place at* ABS in the late 1970s that removed all architect members from effective control of the agency by placing the actual broking business in the hands of a holding company called Lodestar.

In a desperate attempt to stem the tide of premium increases brought about by burgeoning claims, Lodestar began placing huge blocks of its business with single underwriters; but they, in their turn, pulled out after creaming off a year's premiums. By 1984 ABS insurance premiums were rising exponentially and the agency was unable to obtain cover for some long-term customers.

In the early months of 1985 the steady drip of letters to the RIBA from architects faced with insurance problems rose to a flood.

The private sector too climbed on to the bandwaggon, with major commercial *clients taking out* "project insurance" and calling in "risk assessors" to preview their architect's designs: a procedure that rapidly leads to extreme conservatism, if not the utter disappearance of innovation from the drawing board.

Surprisingly, for a staid professional institution established in 1834, the RIBA decided on a drastic solution. *Encouraged by the apparent* success of a similar scheme in Scotland, the institute resolved to restore stability to the market by going into the insurance game itself: first by buying ABS Insurance for £1.5 million — with the aid of Bowring UK, the British subsidiary of an American insurance group — and then by introducing a mandatory insurance scheme for its members.

If ABS refused to sell, the institute assured an enthusiastic ruling council in May, then the RIBA would go it *alone and compete with the* ailing market leader. Whether ABS or Lodestar would have fallen in with this takeover plan if approached differently, we do not know but, by dint of revealing the rather high ABS directors' emoluments and promising management changes after the purchase, the RIBA succeeded in uniting the largely geriatric ABS Insurance board in opposition to the scheme.

At a meeting held earlier this month ABS unceremoniously turned down the RIBA bid and a spokesman for their merchant bankers, Schroder Wagg, cast doubts on the institute's ability to get a mandatory scheme off the ground for some time to come.

This was a shrewd thrust, for the RIBA must amend its byelaws before it can compel its 22,000 active membership to use its own insurance services, and this *can only be done with the* agreement of the membership obtained at a special general meeting. Ironically the new RIBA president Larry Rolland — a former president of the Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland and an inveterate booster of the RIAS's own insurance scheme — presided over the RIBA's last special general *meeting three years ago.* This unfortunate event, called to ratify an already published plan for a subscription to be paid by practices in addition to that paid by individual architects, ended with the entire scheme being thrown out.

The RIBA has now decided to temporarily abandon the idea of a mandatory insurance scheme in favour of a low-key voluntary start in the insurance business with Bowring and APIA — another minor indemnity broker — later this year. Most *outside observers suspect* that this step will make little difference to the problem because the only true solution is a change in the law; and here the opposition to any relaxation of architect's liability may prove to be as obdurate as the ABS itself.

This is a doubly serious matter because the present conditions of uncertainty favour larger practices over smaller ones and, worse still, favour corporate design-and-build organisations over all independent professionals.

Government has two-way bet on biotech ventures

Peter Large on a deal for a new US plant in Scotland

A British biotechnology invention, developed by an American company with a British brain-drainer at its head, is to be manufactured in Scotland, with the help of taxpayers' money and enthusiastic government support.

Taxpayers' money is also invested in a competing British venture—Celltech—which makes similar products. There may be logic behind the use of our money to place two-way bets, but the Government has yet to explain it.

This latest example involves a £30 million American biotechnology plant — the biggest of its kind in the world — to be built at Livingston New Town, near Edinburgh. About 300 jobs will become available over the next three years, and more than half of those could be for non-graduates.

The deal, involving extensive but unspecified government grants, was signed in London yesterday by the Scottish Secretary, Mr George Younger.

The factory will manufacture monoclonal antibodies used in the diagnosis and treatment of serious diseases, including cancer. These man-made proteins seek out cancer cells in the body.

The biological technique for producing monoclonal antibodies was invented at Cambridge in 1975 by Dr Cesar Milstein and Dr George Kohler. They received the Nobel Prize for the work.

The American company behind the Livingston project is Damon Biotech, of Boston, a subsidiary of the Damon Corporation. It is not yet into profit after five years, but that is no stigma in this long-term high-risk work. On the whole, British venture capital has shied away from major involvement in this industry of the future.

Damon Biotech's president and chief operating officer is Dr Nigel Webb, aged 38. He will be chairman and chief executive of the new UK company that will oprcate the Scottish plant. Dr Webb took his first degree in biochemistry at Cambridge and his PhD at London University.

The new company, Damon Biotech Ltd, will be 80 per cent owned by Damon Biotech Inc. But a European venture capital consortium, assembled by Advent International, of Boston, has raised nearly half the new capital and will have voting control on the board of the new subsidiary. Sir Hans Kornberg, professor of biochemistry at Cambridge, will join the board.

The Scottish Secretary said yesterday that he did not at all regret that the venture was American-based. It was a breakthrough project for Scotland and the UK, he said, and he took pride in the fact that Scotland had such a place on the international map.

But Celltech, at Slough, claims to be the world leader in products based on *monoclonal antibodies and* acknowledges Damon Biotech as its No. 2. Celltech was formed in 1980 through the Government's own (now dwindling) industrial operation, the British Technology Group, which took over from Labour's National Enterprise Board. Celltech was launched on about £12 million, 44 per cent from the taxpayer, the rest from British financial institutions. The public stake has now been reduced to 15 per cent.

Yesterday, Mr Younger would not give details of the government aid involved in the Livingston plant. He said the grants were "well within the normal rules."

The Government's Scottish Development Agency will build the plant. The agency *has also taken a small equity* stake.

Dr Webb said the government grants would support training of staff and defray initial capital and research and development costs.

Mr John Butcher, the junior Industry Minister, said at yesterday's ceremony that there could be no doubt about the benefits of inward investment. It brought new technology, new jobs, and new products to Britain.

But in this case we have all that, British-owned. When public money is used to woo overseas firms to Britain, why does not the Government set out the individual criteria for the decisions in terms of national wealth creation? Until it does, the suspicion must linger that decisions are often driven by the urgency of short-term job creation at the expense of longer-term national security—the slave-economy syndrome.

Carter's oil alternative defies the Reagan axe

In the days of the Iranian revolution America put $20 bn aside to develop synthetic fuels. Red tape is still protecting the project. Christopher Reed reports.

AS BOTH a political and financial anomoly in President Reagan's Washington, the Synthetic Fuels Corporation has an uncanny ability to survive.

After two recent congressional committee votes to abolish it and take back its $7.9 billion capital, SFC executives were still talking cheerily about projects costing hundreds of millions of dollars. "We have a long way to go yet, and we still have some very powerful friends in Washington," a corporation spokesman said.

The energy and commerce committee and its subcommittee have both voted unanimously to end Synfuel's six years of existence. But in the convoluted manner of American politics, the question has still to go before the banking committee, the science and technology committee — where it has influential sympathisers — the floor of the House, and finally the full Senate.

Even if the SFC is doomed by each committee and by the House, an opposite vote in the Senate can still save the corporation because both chambers must agree. A favourable vote in one is what SFC staffers are hoping for, but the process is unlikely to be completed before Christmas. It is hardly the climate in which to do business, but various schemes are inching forward despite severe cuts in their size.

Synfuels sprang from the anxious days of the Iranian revolution when President Carter decided to lessen *Middle East oil* dependency by seeking alternative energy sources. He proposed an $88 billion federal enterprise to promote other sources through loans and price guarantees. The aim was to produce the equivalent of 2.5 million barrels of oil a day by 1990.

None of this has happened. Not only have world oil prices continued to drop, but under President Reagan, Synfuels has found itself in philosophical opposition. It is an organisation of interventionism under an administration which believes the market place is the only arbiter, and a dispenser of government funds during the build-up of the worst US deficit in history.

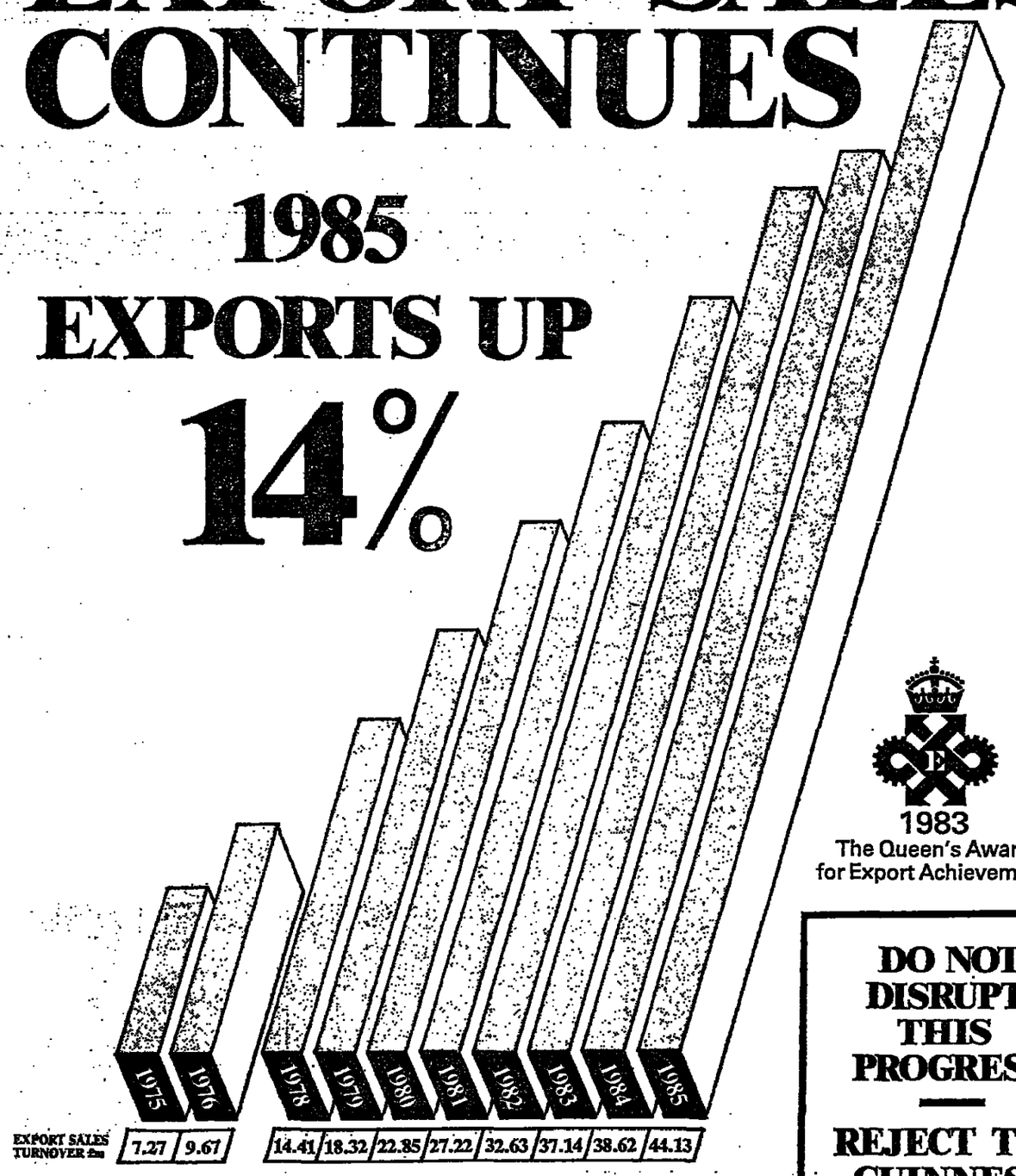
As if this were not enough to doom Synfuels, it was plagued by internal difficulties. Not least was Mr Reagan's choice of its chairman, Edward Noble. In the tradition of Reaganism, he was politically opposed to the very idea of the department he was to head. He had already recommended that SFC be scrapped but he remains chairman, and has since declared a change of heart.

The most capital the SFC ever had was $20 billion, now whittled down to $7.9 billion. A second funding of $88 billion due in 1988 has already been abandoned.

Only four projects have reached the stage of serious review, and all are being scaled down. Two are for oil shale, one for coal gasification, and one for heavy oil. A peat project has been postponed for the time being.

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John Rodda in Edinburgh

Ovett's late pace triumphs

ATHLETICS

STEVE OVETT stayed on his feet and won the mile in the Dairy Crest Games at the Meadowbank Stadium last night. But his time 3min 55.1sec in damp, cool conditions, was probably not what he wanted, although he spiced a sauntering affair with last-lap speed that clearly showed that there is still a lot more pace in those legs.

The race did not evolve in the manner which Ovett had expected. He had thought Sydney Maree, like Ovett a former world-record holder, would produce early speed in order to try and burn off the Ovett finish. But the pacemakers were almost ignored, and a first lap in 58sec and a half-mile in 4min 57.7 sec was hardly enough to warm up the wet crowd clustering beneath their coloured umbrellas.

As the field approached the bell it looked positively dangerous for Ovett, with athletes bunching up around him as he found himself, reluctantly, in the lead.

On Saturday in the Welsh Games, when he was in the pack and someone shunted the pace almost to a stop, he took a tumble. On this occasion, however, he opened out with just a gentle touch of pace in the back straight, and when Marcus O'Sullivan, the AAA champion, drew alongside him, Ovett manged with a little more speed to hold the pole position as he went round the bend.

But he still did not show that positive stamp of control, and again the clutch of runners behind him began to close in, including John Walker, the New Zealander.

Coming out of the bend, Ovett kicked once more and opened a gap, but immediately Maree responded, and Ovett had to find further acceleration in order to keep his position safe.

Darren Clark of Australia, getting the feel of what it will be like to compete in the Commonwealth Games here next year, won the 300 metres in 32.37sec, breaking the Scottish all-comers best mark, which he already held, by 7/100ths of a second. It is not a distance run very frequently but it is useful for "taking the pulse" while preparing for the 400 metres.

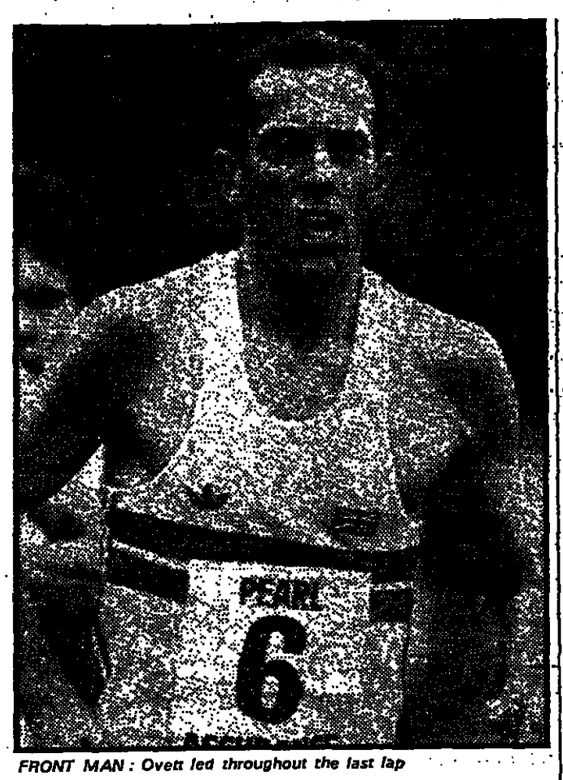
Todd Bennett turned into the straight looking as though he might be a threat, but the powerful Australian, who has been winning around Europe, was strong enough to hold on.

Mark Holtom from Wolverhampton, must have clinched his place in Britain's team for the European Cup final in Moscow next month when he won the 400 metres hurdles in 49.94 sec — the second time he had got under 50 seconds since he turned to the event from the 110 metres hurdles this year.

Holtom has had a long career over the high hurdles and was one of Britain's European Cup heroes back in 1981 in Zagreb. The way he has been running during the last two weeks, he should beat 49 seconds once he finds some warm weather.

● Joachim Cruz, the Olympic 800 metres champion from Brazil who was banned from last night's Edinburgh event and Saturday's important meeting in Oslo after refusing to race against Sebastian Coe last weekend, will compete in the IAC Grand Prix at Crystal Palace on August 2. There is a strong possibility that he will race against Coe.

● MATTI JAERVINEN, the javelin thrower, has died aged 76. Throwing a birchwood javelin, the Finn broke the world record 10 times in the 1930s, beginning in 1930 with 71.57 metres. By 1936 he had raised the mark to 77.23 metres.



FRONT MAN: Ovett led throughout the last lap

TV coverage stopped in banner row

THE television service of the Dairy Crest Games from the Meadowbank Stadium, Edinburgh, last night, was blacked out. ITV's representatives and those of the Scottish Amateur Athletic Association and Edinburgh District Council disagreed over three banners within the arena. They were regarded to hav ea political connotation and might therefore have infringed the rules of the IBA.

There were two signs on the electronic scoreboard, each with the message "Edinburgh Against Apartheid," while there were advertising boards on the track with the legend "Improving Services Creating Jobs" with Edinburgh District Council's name attached to it. Just before the meeting began, one of the signs on the scoreboard was removed but the other was a permanent fixture having been painted on.

It was placed there because of the appearance of Zola Budd and was part of a protest by the Labour Council which also included holding a reception for all the athletes except Miss Budd.

The dispute must bring into question the use of the Meadowbank Stadium for future athletic meetings. The Commonwealth Games, which are being held in Edinburgh in 12 months' time, are being televised exclusively by the BBC who would be affected in a similar manner as ITV under the terms of the Charter.

John Rodda

CRICKET

David Foot at Bristol

Clearing the stage for Syd's entrance

IT WAS a match of goodbyes. Zimbabwe rounded off their seven-week tour with a defeat by seven wickets. Zaheer, back in Bristol for a nominal and sentimental farewell, scored 38 impeccable runs and was then caught on the boundary.

Then "Syd" Lawrence made his goodbye from the sunny county ground in midmorning, stealing away anonymously to his digs to play his funky music. David Graveney, the Gloucestershire captain, had decided to shield the country's most discussed young fast bowler from the unrelenting publicity machine on the eve of the Australians' visit.

Lawrence had been told simply to bowl straight, as fast as he can, and to forget reputations and the lurking presence of Test selectors; Peter May is coming on Saturday to watch him against Greg Thomas, but there will be a selector present today, too.

As for yesterday, Zimbabwe again showed they can cope better with the one-day game. There was a pleasant purpose about their batting as they reached 205 for four. The best of it came from Paterson, an opening bat who goes for his shots. He hit 19 boundaries and it seemed a shame that he was out caught eight short of what would have been his maiden first-class century.

Gloucestershire were left to score 297 in three-and-a-quarter hours, a tallish order for a side which had itself declared earlier, when 91 runs behind, to offer a contest in a match which had been interrupted by rain. Victory came with nine balls left.

The county had started quietly and Romaines, badly out of form lately, had clearly been encouraged to get down to some batting practice in preparation for the tourists. He strolled to 50 over 35 overs and by then the apprehension had gone and he was enjoying himself for the first time in weeks.

His hundred came in 191 minutes and he was still there, with 11 fours behind him, at the end. All three wickets had gone to Duers and it was an especially good delivery that bowled Bainbridge.

Zaheer nostalgically paraded that familiar backlift flourish and looked in no trouble. Everyone wanted him to reach 50; but Davison did, in 53 minutes. Zimbabwe sensed the game was slipping away from them.

Last night the Bristol ground was full of billowing canvas, appearing far more intimate and carnival-like than usual. Some of the Australians turned up to take a look, hoping perhaps to spy on the physique and demeanour of Lawrence. They did learn one thing about him; he will be wearing a helmet when he goes out to bat. He forgot it last week and John Lever gave him a glancing blow on the head.

Syd's eyes momentarily blazed and later his bowling suffered because he apparently harboured a grievance. It called for a discreet rebuke from his captain — and a sheepish retort from the black speed merchant: "I've got to keep my cool against the Australians."

ZIMBABWE.—First Innings 156 (Salisbury 4 for 38).

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—First Innings 65 for 2 dec.

ZIMBABWE.—Second Innings

R. D. Brown	c Brassington b Twiselt	2
G. A. Paterson	c Payne b Salisbury	92
A. H. Shah	c Curran b Bainbridge	40
G. A. Rick	c Payne b Twiselt	39
K. G. Watton	not out	20
I. P. Butchart	not out	0
Extras	(b 1, lb 11)	12
Total	(for 4 dec)	205

Fall of wickets: 8, 126, 148, 203. Bowling: Twiselt 15–2–65–2; Salisbury 13–2–42–1; Payne 8–0–59–0; Bainbridge 7–1–27–1.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—Second Innings

P. W. Romaines	not out	114
A. J. Wright	b Duers	23
P. Bainbridge	b Duers	45
Zaheer Abbas	c Watton b Duers	38
B. C. Barlow	not out	53
Extras	(b 18, lb 7, nb 11)	26
Total	(for 3)	299

Fall of wickets: 45, 126, 196. Bowling: Rands 8–1–30–0; Butchart 13–2–69–0; Duers 14–0–75–3; Traicos 15.3–1–61–0; Rick 5–0–20–0.

Robert Armstrong

Botham consults lawyers on drugs

Cricketers will be obliged to submit to random drug-testing from next month, whether or not they have signed a declaration agreeing to take part. But Ian Botham, one of three major Test players who have not yet signed the Test and County Cricket Board, declaration form, issued a statement through his solicitors yesterday saying merely that he would "abide by the TCCB conditions and regulations for the time being in force."

However, the statement added that Botham's failure to sign "did not necessarily mean that he will not do so." The Somerset all-rounder has for many years suffered from asthma but, according to the statement, "there is no non-prescribed medicine for asthma included in the list of "permitted medicines."

Though neither of Botham's Somerset colleagues, Viv Richards or Joel Garner, has agreed to sign the declaration, Peter Lush, a TCCB spokesman, claimed yesterday that "it is not important that they do so." Lush added: "When a player is registered with us, he agrees to abide by the rules and regulations not only those that exist at the time but also any that may be introduced while he is registered."

Lush's claim that new rules are binding on players without their prior agreement may be legally unsound if the matter were ever to reach the courts. The TCCB, with the backing of the Professional Cricketers' Association, agreed to the random dope-testing of cricketers earlier this summer after a request from the Sports Council. Testing is expected to start in two or three weeks time.

Botham's solicitors pointed out that "Ian has only sought legal advice because the regulations are, by anybody's standards, very complex. There are 66 banned substances, including for example, codeine. There is also a list of 'permitted medicines' for complaints such as hay fever."

The TCCB have not set a deadline for the return of the declaration form, and Lush was unable to put an exact figure on how many forms are still awaited by Lord's. Even so, any player found guilty by a disciplinary committee of taking banned drugs could face penalties ranging from a reprimand or fine to a period of suspension, when he would not be eligible to play for England.

IAN GREIG, who played twice for England in 1982, will not be retained by Sussex next season. The county's secretary, Richard Renold, said: "The club have made this decision reluctantly, in view of the splendid service that Greig has given to Sussex over eight years, because of the need to meet a tight expenditure budget for 1986." Greig is the 29-year-old brother of Tony. He received his county cap in 1981.

Fletcher apologises

Keith Fletcher, the Essex captain, escaped punishment for controversial remarks about his Glamorgan counterpart, Rodney Ontong, when he appeared before the TCCB disciplinary committee at Lord's yesterday. Fletcher apologised to Ontong, whom he had accused of breaking his word over a promise to declare at a total agreed between the captains during the County Championship match on June 18.

The disciplinary committee could have fined or suspended Fletcher, but the former England captain was "strongly reprimanded" and warned about his future conduct. A statement issued by the committee confirmed that Fletcher had withdrawn the remarks, apologising to Ontong, and regretted the incident.

At the time of the incident, Ontong said Essex had bowled their overs so quickly he could not declare at the agreed total because it would have left his opponents too much time to get the necessary runs. "I would have been throwing the game away," said Ontong, who set a target of 309 in 62 overs instead of 280 in 63.

Meanwhile Alan Whitehead, the umpire who was involved in controversy during the third Test at Trent Bridge recently, has received an apology from the Pakistani all-rounder, Imran Khan. Imran made remarks to Whitehead after being warned for persistent short-pitched bowling during Sussex's County Championship match against Lancashire at Hastings on June 29. The disciplinary committee decided to take no action after hearing about the apology.

Robert Armstrong

SAILING

Bob Fisher

Apricot is first round

Tony Bullimore and Nigel Irens sailed into Plymouth Sound at 6.30 last evening as winners of the City of Plymouth Round Britain and Ireland race.

Their 60-foot trimaran, Apricot, with its sophisticated wing mast, was almost 24 hours slower than the race record for the leg. Few records were broken at any point in the race, and the final leg was the most testing of the five with conditions ranging from gale to calm on the 305 miles from Lowestoft.

Apricot, which Irens designed and built, had led on the first leg to Crosshaven by one minute but lost her lead to BCA Paragon on the leg to Barra. By Lerwick, the end of the third leg, Apricot had twice suffered a broken main lanyard and was seven hours behind Paragon.

The wind was at its strongest, though, when Paragon started the fourth leg, and she suffered such damage to her main crossbeam that she re-headed for Peterhead and was out of contention.

Bullimore and Irens started the first leg from Lowestoft on Sunday evening with southwesterly gales blowing again in earnest. They took some time before they were off Dover then yesterday the winds evaporated and swung to make the last 150 miles slow and irritating.

British Airways 1, sailed by Robin Knox-Johnston, lay second but finally slipped back behind Mark Gatehouse and Spud Rowsell in Marlow Ropes and Jeff Houlgrave and Bob Bradford in Morr Energy. At 11 o'clock yesterday morning Gatehouse radioed that he was off Portsmouth, while an hour later Knox-Johnston reported that he was in mid-channel south of Brighton with Morr Energy ahead. Marlow Ropes had left Lowestoft 27 minutes behind British Airways 1 with Morr Energy another three hours astern. The vagaries of the wind had played havoc with the starting order.

● The five 80-foot yachts in the Seahorse Maxi Series were twice becalmed in their race around the Isle of Wight yesterday, and were forced to kedge in the Needles channel when the tide turned against them, writes Bob Fisher. When the sea breeze filled in from the south-west Pierre Fehlmann's Bruce Fast-designed UBS Switzerland was able to increase his lead, leaving Simon le Bon's Drum to lead the rest along the Shingles Bank, and she was first home and able to hold her time on handicap over the other maxi-raters but not the 63-foot Phillips Innovator of Dirk Nanta.

SEAHORSE MAXI SERIES.—Class A (unsponsored): 1, Drum (S. le Bon, GB), 11hr 42min 43sec (corrected); 2, Condor (R. Bell, GB) 11.47.23; 3, Atlantic Privateer (P. Kastel, SA), 11.48.49. Class B (sponsored): 1, Phillips Innovator (D. Nanta, Neth), 10.51.34; 2, UBS Switzerland (P. Fehlmann Switz), 11.22.25; 3, Lion New Zealand (P. Blake, NZ), 11.49.54.

Sangster holds fire

Richard Baerlein reports from Keeneland, Kentucky

RACING

On the bare facts the opening day of the Keeneland Select Sale, when the average price of the yearlings sold dropped from $605,319 a year ago to $454,153 on Monday, could seem disappointing.

Conditions this year, however, are quite different. Instead of an afternoon session followed later by an evening session the sales now start at 1 pm and run through to eight o'clock without a break. Thus not until the hammer has dropped on the last lot of the sale can one logically compare the two years.

Top price on the opening day last year was $8.25 million against $2.6 million this time However, 10 yearlings reached $1 million or more on Monday against 12 a year ago, when 11 of them came at the evening session.

The Robert Sangster consortium were holding off on the first first day but will be in action for the second half of the catalogue, that left the Gris, whom he bought for $7,000 and has won 11 races in succession, including the Italian 1,000 Guineas. She has recently been bought by Sheikh Mohammed.

Monday's sale with only three lots exceeding $1.4 million, with a top of $2.6 million, should help to bring down the absurd fees demanded for nominations to the top sires, while the nomination fee for Northern Dancer is now about $3 million with no concession if no foal results, it is not much use selling his yearlings at $430,000, $575,000 or even $900,000, which three of them fetched on Monday.

Robert Sangster shared the view of many who were slightly disappointed at the quality of the stock on view. One leading breeder, supported by a vet, expressed the opinion that the present crop of Kentucky yearlings are not quite up to last year's crop because of the drought when they were foals last season.

He believes one cannot replace in the bucket feed some of the essential elements that the colt get from grazing and which must likewise benefit the mother's milk.

Berry falls and rises

CATH BERRY, home on holiday from San Diego State University, was reduced to tears after a nasty fall in the Prudential County Tennis Championships at Eastbourne yesterday but recovered to win her rubber for Yorkshire against Kent, last year's women's champions.

Miss Berry and partner Gill Brook were 3-3 in the final set when she collapsed. The match was held up for several minutes while Miss Berry received treatment. With her knee heavily bandaged she played on and it was the opponents, Debbie Parker and Jenny Blyth-Lewis, who appeared most affected as the Yorkshire pair went on to take three straight games and win 6-1, 5-7, 6-3.

Miss Berry, who has another year to go at her American university, was helped to the dressing room and later taken to hospital for an X-ray.

Paul Fitzpatrick on a Yorkshire great

Johnny Wardle's left-arm legacy

JOHNNY WARDLE, one of the finest slow left-arm bowlers that Yorkshire have ever produced, has died at his home at Hatfield, near Doncaster, aged 62. He leaves a widow and two sons.

After being dismissed by the county amid deep acrimony in 1958 it was a long time before Wardle was rehabilitated, but eventually he was made a life member of the club and last April was on the point of being appointed a bowling consultant, a post which only illness prevented him accepting.

Born of mining stock at Ardsley in 1923, Wardle started his career with Yorkshire in 1946 and soon gave notice of an exceptional talent. In 1948 he took 148 wickets—he was to top 100 wickets in a season nine times subsequently—to become arguably the biggest single factor in Yorkshire's improvement from seventh to fourth in the County Championship.

Wardle went on to take 1,537 wickets for Yorkshire at 17.67 apiece and stands eighth highest wicket-taker behind Rhodes, Hirst, Haig, Macaulay, Trueman, Verity and Peel. In all, he took 1,846 first-class wickets at 18.97.

Although Surrey were the omnipotent county during the bulk of Wardle's career and Tony Lock, who later had to remodel his action, the leading left-arm spin bowler, Wardle still played 28 times for England and captured 102 Test wickets at the very respectable average of 20.39.

Nothing that Wardle achieved in the game, however, quite matched the impact of his leaving it. During Yorkshire's match with Somerset at Sheffield in July 1958, J. H. Nash, the Yorkshire secretary, handed the baldest of statements to the press: "The Yorkshire committee have informed J. H. Wardle that they will not be calling on his services after the end of the season."

Yorkshire's administrators, in their cocooned autocratic world, possibly imagined that such terseness would satisfy an incredulous county. But of course it was merely the start of one of those bitter upheavals which have become all too familiar in the affairs of this singular club.

Wardle had the public image of team joker, but in private was an independent, tough and uncompromising character. After his dismissal notice in that 1958 season he was chosen for Yorkshire's next match against Lancashire at Old Trafford, but because of comments that he intended to make in a series of newspaper articles was asked to stand down.

Those spiky comments duly appeared in the Daily Mail, at which point the matter became a national rather than merely a club affair and MCC, for whom Wardle was due to spend his winter in Australia under the captaincy of Peter May, were now brought in to the matter. His invitation to tour was subsequently withdrawn.

It was, of course, the end of Wardle's county and international career, although he did play for Cambridgeshire in the Minor Counties. He spent the next 10 years with Nelson and Rishton, bewildering more than a thousand batsmen in the Lancashire League.



SLOW BUT VERY SURE: Wardle took 1,846 wickets

SOCCER IN BRIEF

Fifty-six clubs in the red

FIFTY-SIX of the 92 Football League clubs were in the red at the end of last financial year, according to a survey published yesterday by a London business information company. With the Popplewell inquiry's report into ground safety due today, the survey demonstrates why many clubs are appealing for Government help in financing ground improvements, writes Robert Armstrong.

Only 36 clubs showed a profit, and 46 were trading with their borrowing exceeding all their assets. Higher interest rates and the cost of bringing grounds to adequate safety levels constitute a double blow to most clubs. Next season, too, the UEFA ban on English clubs playing in Europe may discourage sponsors, especially breweries, given the Government's determination to ban alcohol from grounds.

MIDDLESBROUGH want all League clubs to adopt an identity card scheme for visiting supporters. Their chairman Alf Duffield said it woud be a "happy compromise" to the Prime Minister's call for a national identity system which was rejected by the FA. Meanwhile Middlesbrough's first team coach Richard Dinnis leaves next week for Saudi Arabia, where he will be assistant to the national coach, Bobby Houghton.

BRIAN CLOUGH, the Nottingham Forest manager back from holiday, said yesterday that he was opposed to selling his goalscoring midfielder Steve Hodge, for whom Aston Villa are reported to have offered £400,000. Other clubs interested are Manchester United and Sheffield Wednesday.

HEREFORD are to stage a benefit match on August 1 against the FA Cup winners Manchester United for former Newport County manager Colin Addison. It cannot take place at Newport's ground because of the FIFA ban on English clubs playing friendly matches in Wales.

OLDHAM ATHLETIC have paid Barnsley £15,000 for striker Ron Futcher, and Northampton Town have signed Gerard Nohilly, a 19-year-old winger from Sheppey in Kent, who impressed manager Graham Carr during a week's trial.

GILLINGHAM's pre-season friendly matches with QPR and two other clubs will have to be played behind closed doors while their Priestfield Stadium undergoes improvements to comply with the new safety regulations.

KENNY SWAIN, Portsmouth's £25,000 signing from Nottingham Forest, has broken a bone in his right hand during training, but manager Alan Ball says the 33-year-old former Chelsea and Aston Villa fullback will be fit in time for the new season.

RESULTS

Tennis

WASHINGTON CLASSIC.—Final: Y. Noah (Fr) beat M Jaite, (Arg), 6–4, 6–3; Doubles Final: H. Gildemeister (Chile) and P. Perez (Para) beat D. Graham (Aus) and B. Taroczy (Hun) 6–3, 1–6, 6–4.

US CLAY COURT CHAMPIONSHIPS (Indianapolis).—Women, First Round: L. Gildemeister (Peru) beat L. Bonder (US), 6–1, 3–6, 6–3; L. Spain-Short (US) beat E. Rapson-Lonon (Arg) 6–1, 2–6, 6–2; H. Marskova (Cz) beat W. Wood (US), 7–5, 7–6; G. Bowes (US) beat M. Skuherska (Cz), 6–2, 6–3; D. Spence (US) beat P. Earp (US), 7–5, 6–4; R. Kedes (Can) beat J. Budarova (Cz), 1–6, 7–5, 6–2.

Second round: K. Gompert (US) beat T. Phelps (US), 6–2, 6–4; K. Maleeva (Bulg) beat N. Dias (Braz), 6–2, 6–4; S. Goles (Yugo) beat K. Cummings (US), 6–4, 6–1; A. Temesvari (Hun) beat G. Purdy (US), 6–1, 6–3.

Men, First Round: T. Muster (Aus) beat D. Goldie (US), 6–3, 6–1; M. Pernfors (Swe) beat A. Tous (Sp), 7–5, 6–4; S. Zivojinovic (Yug) beat E. Berrocchea (Arg) 4–6, 7–6, 8–6; H. Schwaier (W Ger) beat J. Frawley (Aus), 7–5, 3–6, 6–3; G. Urpi (Sp), beat J. Yzaga (Peru), 1–6, 6–4, 6–0; E. Parenti (Fr) beat F. Luna (Sp), 6–3, 4–6, 6–2; T. Tulasne (Fr) beat A. Gonzalez (Arg), 6–3, 7–6, M. Dickson (US) beat S. Eriksson (Swe), 6–7, 6–4, 6–3; F. Cancellotti (It) beat C. Panatta (It) 6–2, 7–5; P. Sisall (Cz) beat R. Brown (US), 6–4, 7–5; D. Perez (Urug) beat H. De La Pena (Arg), 6–4, 4–6, 6–4; J. Brown (US) beat R. Arguello (Arg), 6–1, 6–0; L. Pimek (Cz) beat J. Lopez-Maeso (Sp), 4–6, 6–2, 9–7; P. Rebolledo (Chile) beat J. Arrete (Sp) 7–6, 6–3.

NJ OPEN (Livingston).—First Round: S. Gammalva (US) beat M. DePalmer (US), 6–1, 6–4.

PERNOD TOURNAMENT (Beirette).—Finals: Men: C. Clarke beat B. Knapp 6–2, 2–6, 6–3. Women: C. Pallard beat J. Lanestaff, 7–6, 6–1.

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Toronto 3, Seattle 1; Boston 6, Oakland 4, Kansas City 5 NY Yankees 4, Minnesota 5, Baltimore 4; Milwaukee 16, California 3; Texas 2, Cleveland 1; Chicago White Sox 9, Detroit 4.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: St Louis 4, San Francisco 3, Cincinnati 5 NY Mets 1, Atlanta 7, Montreal 1, Chicago Cubs 5, San Diego 3, Philadelphia 7, Houston 6; Pittsburgh 6, Los Angeles 3

Hockey

THIRD TEST (Hobart): Australia 3 (Hawgood, Reid), England 0 (Australia lead six-Test series, 3–0

Sailing

SQUIB NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP (Iowa): First Race: 1, N. Walsh (Hamble YC); 2, M. Green (W. Mersea YC); 3, J. Brown (R. Norfolk and Suffolk YC).

SWAN EUROPEAN C'SHIP.—Second Race: Racing Class: 1, Jezabel (F, Crepeau, Fr), 9:13:31; 2, Scaramouche of Warwick (R. Semels, US), 9:14:53; 3, Wild Goose (R. Fielsen, Ire) 9:16:26. Cruiser: 1, Tacaamera (C. Tinteri, Fr) 9:09:02; 2, Crivate V (J. Pipon, Fr), 9:13:18; 3, Red Otter (R. Kenny, GB), 9:14:39.

AVERAGES

compiled by Bill Frindall

First-class

BATTING (Qualification: 8 innings)

	M	I	NO	HS	Runs	Ave
I. V. A. Richards	10	12	0	322	1071	89.25
G. Boycott	11	20	6	181	1031	73.64
Javed Miandad	15	24	5	200*	1314	69.15
C. E. B. Rice	12	21	7	171*	931	66.50
D. W. Randall	14	28	7	117	1382	65.80
R. T. Robinson	10	19	3	175	1049	65.56
C. L. Smith	15	27	3	143*	1521	63.37
I. T. Botham	12	18	2	149	975	60.93
P. Bainbridge	15	25	3	151*	1069	58.38
J. C. Wright	6	9	0	117	510	56.66
C. W. Ather	14	23	4	170	1076	56.63
D. A. Thorne	11	18	3	124	849	56.60
G. D. Barlow	13	22	2	141	1117	55.85
Imran Khan	8	11	4	117*	386	55.14
Younis Ahmed	15	29	3	172	1043	53.58
M. W. Gatch	15	24	4	144*	959	53.83
G. D. Mendis	13	24	4	111*	1052	52.60
W. N. Slack	15	26	4	112	1153	52.40
D. I. Gower	12	17	2	166	784	52.26
T. E. Jesty	15	23	6	126	863	50.76
D. L. Bairstow	13	20	7	100*	659	50.69
G. A. Gooch	15	29	2	232	1010	50.50
P. Willey	13	16	2	133	702	50.14
A. J. Lamb	10	15	3	122	589	49.91
D. L. Amiss	15	28	4	140	1196	49.83

* denotes not out

BOWLING (Qualification: 10 Wickets in 10 Innings)

	O	M	R	W	Ave	Best
M. D. Marshall	414.4	114	1090	67	16.26	7–59
R. M. Ellison	256.5	68	673	38	17.71	7–87
N. G. Sainsbury	178	59	481	27	17.81	7–38
D. A. Graveney	251.5	52	530	28	18.92	4–131
Imran Khan	257.4	77	632	33	19.15	5–58
M. A. Holding	192	41	554	27	20.51	6–55
T. M. Tremlett	442.1	112	1113	52	21.40	6–57
P. J. W. Allott	407.3	122	966	45	21.46	6–77
N. G. Cowans	284.4	56	1010	47	21.48	6–88
J. Garner	187.4	59	430	20	21.50	7–38
Kapil Dev	251.5	70	715	33	21.66	5–56
D. V. Lawrence	338.2	85	1301	60	21.68	7–44
R. J. Hadlee	373.2	77	908	27	22.44	5–34
K. M. Curran	298.4	73	826	33	25.03	5–43
C. A. Walsh	267.5	60	826	32	25.81	6–44
K. E. Cooper	415	130	1086	42	25.85	7–70
N. A. Foster	259	49	904	35	25.82	6–40
D. A. Reeve	187	50	560	23	24.34	5–58
B. P. Patterson	287.3	46	902	33	24.45	5–43
W. W. Daniel	333.2	65	1150	47	24.46	6–44
C. E. B. Rice	213	61	587	24	24.47	5–44
G. A. Gooch	218.4	56	595	24	24.79	5–32
R. J. Ward	470	171	1094	44	24.86	5–52
J. K. Lever	450.2	118	1324	52	25.46	6–59
P. G. Newman	224	68	719	28	25.67	6–59

Australian Tour

BATTING

	M	I	NO	HS	R	Ave
A. R. Border	9	12	1	196	829	74.54
D. M. Wellham	6	9	2	81*	372	53.00
G. M. Ritchie	10	14	2	146	733	51.85
S. P. O'Donnell	7	10	4	109*	349	58.16
W. B. Phillips	8	12	4	128	524	52.40
D. C. Boon	12	16	4	138	554	46.16
G. M. Wood	11	17	2	172	546	36.40
K. C. Wessels	9	15	0	156	540	36.00
A. M. J. Hilditch	12	18	0	119	643	35.55
R.B. Phillips	5	4	1	39	76	25.33
C. J. McDermott	10	8	3	53*	109	21.80
M. J. Bennett	7	5	2	53	64	21.33
C. R. J. Matthews	7	8	1	36	100	14.71
D. R. Gilbert	7	4	2	1	26	13.00
J. R. Thomson	7	7	0	21	40	10.00
R. G. Holland	8	6	3	15	54	9.00
C. F. Lawson	8	6	1	18	44	8.80

* denotes not out

BOWLING

	O	M	R	W	Ave	Best
Holland	254.4	73	640	24	26.66	5–51
Lawson	213.4	38	734	22	33.36	5–103
Thomson	178.3	28	734	22	33.36	5–36
McDermott	243.4	30	905	26	34.80	6–78
Matthews	121.2	27	430	12	35.83	3–78
Gilbert	160.2	30	552	13	42.46	4–41
Bennett	135.4	25	470	8	47.37	3–101
O'Donnell	171.4	31	562	8	70.25	3–57

Also bowled: Boon 6–0–33–0; Border 3–0–16–0; Hilditch 3–0–19–0; Ritchie 6.2–0–33–1; Wessels 16–4–37–0.

FIELDING.—15—W. B. Phillips (15ct), 12—Boon, 8—Border, substitutes (6ct, 2st), 7—R. B. Phillips (7st), Ritchie, 6—Hilditch, Wessels, 4—Bennett, Holland, O'Donnell, Wood, 3—Matthews, 1—Gilbert, Lawson.

FASTEST HUNDRED (Walter Lawrence Trophy). — 76 balls I. T. Botham (Somerset) at Taunton v. Glamorgan on May 22 and v. Hampshire on May 22.

HIGHEST SCORE. — 322 I. V. A. Richards (Somerset) v. Warwickshire at Taunton on June 1.

FIRST TO 1,000 runs. — D. L. Smith (Hampshire) on June 13.

BEST INNINGS ANALYSIS. — 8–47 V. J. Marks (Somerset) v. Lancashire at Bath on June 14.

BEST MATCH ANALYSIS. — 13–58 R. K. Illingworth (Worcestershire) v. Oxford Univ at The Parks on May 22–23.

WICKETKEEPING (Most dismissals). — 62 C. W. Runnalls (57ct, 2st), 47 D. E. East (44ct, 3st), 46 B. N. French (42ct, 4st), K. J. Parks (39ct, 2st), 41 R. C. Russell (39ct, 2st), 38 P. R. Downton (37ct, 1st). A. P. E. Knott (37ct, 1st).

FIELDING (Most catches). — 24 G. Miller, 20 M. A. Lynch, 19 V. P. Terry, 18 C. W. J. Athey, R. O. Butcher, J. W. Lloyd, 17 D. L. S. Kim, B. Roberts, W. N. Slack.

Under-25 Competition

SHEFFIELD.—Nottinghamshire 179 for 8, Yorkshire 120. Nottinghamshire won by 59 runs.

HOVE.—Hampshire 124 (A. I. C. Dodemaide 4 for 19), Sussex 125 for 5. Sussex won by five wickets.

LEICESTER.—Middlesex 213 for 7 (A. J. T. Miller 63, A. J. Murdding 50), Leicestershire 137. Middlesex won by 76 runs.

Today's Matches

TOUR MATCHES (11.0 to 6.30). — Glocs v. Australia at Bristol.

BRITANNIC ASSURANCE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP (11.0 to 6.30). — Derby v. Yorks at Chesterfield; Kent v. Essex at Dartford; Lancs v. Surrey at Southport; Middlesex v. Northants at Uxbridge; Notts v. Sussex at Trent Bridge; Warwicks v. Somerset at Edgbaston; Worcs v. Glamorgan at Worcester.

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP.—Kent v. Sussex at Southend; Glamorgan v. Glocs at Cardiff; Hants v. Somerset at Southampton; Lancs v. Worcs at Market Harborough; Middlesex v. Northants at Hornsfield; Warwicks v. Notts at Moseley; Yorks v. Lancs at Headingley.

UFI MINOR COUNTIES. — Staffs v. Durham at Stone; Shropshire v. Dorset at St Georg's; Devon v. Berkshire at Newton Abbot; Suffolk v. Herts at Ipswich.

UFI Minor Counties

IPSWICH.—Hertfordshire First Innings: 200 for 6 dec (S. A. Dean 52). Suffolk First Innings: 147 for 9).

ST GEORGE'S.—Shropshire First Innings: 374 for 7 dec (Mushtaq Mohammad 72, J. A. Smith 54 no; C. Shaw 4 for 132). Dorset First Innings: 191 for 9 (V. H. Lewis 59).

NEWTON ABBOT.—Berkshire First Innings: 219 for 4 dec (M. Simmons 64). Devon First Innings: 164 for 6.

DEVIZES.—Wiltshire 204 (R. Langbury 55, J. Newman 51). Somerset II 95 for 3. Match drawn.

SPORT IN BRIEF

SPEEDWAY: Belle Vue captain Chris Morton, dropped from the national side for the World Cup final in Long Beach, California on August 10, has said he will refuse to ride for England again while John Berry is manager. Berry surprisingly omitted Morton and Phil Collins of Cradley Heath in favour of the inexperienced Richard Knight from Berry's own club Ipswich, and Reading's John Davis.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Swinton scrum half John Mellor, forced to retire on medical advice two years ago after several bouts of concussion, has been given clearance to make a comeback.

SQUASH RACKETS: Lucy Soutter of Gloucestershire, favourite to take the world junior title in Dublin in August and September, has been selected for England in the junior and senior team at 11 events. Miss Soutter, 18, was defeated in the last junior final in Perth, Australia, two years ago by the Australian Robyn Friday who is now over the age limit.

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This post is responsible for initiating reviews of contractors on the List and assisting with applications for inclusion. There is wide liaison with contractors, both in obtaining information and dealing with enquiries.

Applicants should have an appreciation of the requirements of the Council's Code of Practice on Tenders and Contracts, the ability to establish work priorities and work under pressure and an interest in new technology.

£7,308–£9,732 inc. Ref: HG6953.
Write to HG Staff Section, Room IB2N or tel: 01-633 4771.

Housing Exchange Office Manager

To organise and manage the Council's Mutual Exchange Bureau where a new computerised scheme for matching tenants who wish to exchange has recently been introduced. Duties include research into the results of computer matching and forward planning, report writing and liaison with London Boroughs and District Council's and ensuring correct distribution of computer output.

Proven organisational and staff management skills are essential with an interest in computers and the ability to acquire knowledge of the Mutual Exchange system and of the London Area Mobility Scheme quickly.

£11,910–£13,725 inc. Ref: HG6977.
Write to HG Staff Section, Room IB2N or tel: 01-633 4771.

Housing Policy Research Officers

To undertake research and policy studies on housing in London. Duties include analysing and interpreting statistics, preparing committee reports and briefing senior officers, and providing administrative support to working parties.

A relevant background of research or social policy work is essential with proven ability to analyse and interpret statistical information and to work under pressure. A degree or equivalent experience is essential.

£11,910–£13,725 inc. Ref: HG7017.
Write to HG Staff Section, Room IB2N or tel: 01-633 4771.

Administrative Officer

To provide administrative support and assistance to staff involved in parliamentary liaison and private renting matters. Duties include drafting committee reports, arranging and clerking meetings and participation in research studies.

Proven ability to work in an intellectually demanding environment as part of a team and to prioritise and organise a heavy workload is essential.

£9,732–£11,910 inc. Ref: HG7018.
Write to HG Staff Section, Room IB2N or tel: 01-633 4771.

Training Programme Assistant

This post will play a major role in ensuring the co-ordination and effectiveness of professional and other training programmes run by the Industry & Employment Branch, in providing essential administrative support to both 'trainers' and trainees. The work involves extensive liaison with both internal departments and the North East London Polytechnic, where 'off job' training takes place.

Relevant administration experience with a large organisation is essential, together with initiative and a co-operative approach. Applicants should have a keen awareness of the needs of trainees and a real interest and understanding of the Council's Industry & Employment activities.

£9,732–£11,910 inc. Ref: DG6985.
Write to DG Staff Section, Room 203 or tel: 01-633 2390.

Social Policy Analyst

The postholder will undertake studies into current and proposed policies, welfare provision and other issues relating to particular groups in the population in London — initially elderly people. The work entails the use of a range of research methods and is carried out in close liaison with statutory and voluntary organisations.

A degree or equivalent in social sciences is required, with practical experience of social research methods and of dealing with external organisations. This should be coupled with a knowledge of social issues in London.

£9,732–£11,910 inc. Ref: DG7000.
Write to DG Staff Section, Room 203 or tel: 01-633 2390.

Fieldwork Organiser

Social Surveys

Proven expertise in interviewing and in organising several surveys simultaneously is needed for this post, which directs and supervises 3 permanent and up to 100 sessional staff. Responsibilities cover arranging training and briefing sessions, allocating work and quality control, together with dealing with pay and records and other administrative functions.

Some supervisory experience in the field and office is essential, including dealing with computers, wages and records maintenance.

£9,732–£11,910 inc. Ref: DG6258.
Write to DG Staff Section, Room 203 or tel: 01-633 2390.

Policy Development Assistant

Women's Committee Support Unit

To assist with and support the work of the team responsible for ensuring that other Committees and Departments of the Council take full account of the needs and demands of women in London in developing and implementing their own policies. A wide variety of duties are entailed, from arranging and minuting meetings and dealing with internal/external enquiries to developing specific projects.

Good organisational and interpersonal skills are needed, with a sound grasp of the role of administration, and a flexible approach. Applicants should show a genuine interest in women's issues and the work of the Women's Committee.

£7,308–£9,732 inc. Ref: DG7011.
Write to DG Staff Section, Room 203 or tel: 01-633 2390.

Application forms must be returned by 9 August 85.

To obtain your form write to the appropriate Staff Section, quoting the ref. and room number on the envelope, to: GLC, The County Hall, London SE1 7PB. Or telephone the number given.

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Working for London

LONDON AGAINST RACISM

LONDON BOROUGH OF REDBRIDGE:
PERSONAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE — SOCIAL SERVICES

PRINCIPAL HANDICAPPED PERSONS OFFICER

Salary: £11,916-£12,900 inclusive

An Occupational Therapist with proven management experience is required in Redbridge, where we are seeking to improve our services for physically handicapped people as part of our commitment to maintaining people in their own homes. We are looking for an experienced and energetic occupational therapist to manage our present Fieldwork Service

This post is a new one. It carries responsibility for a mixed professional team of seven Occupational Therapists and Social Workers and the associated budgets. There is a firm commitment to review the level of provision at the end of the year

Applications are invited from qualified Occupational Therapists who are members of the B.A.O.T with substantial experience of community services preferably in a social service setting

Applications from employees of the G.L.C and M.C.C's with relevant experience will be welcome

Application forms are available from: Director of Personal Services, 17/23 Clements Road, Ilford, Essex, or telephone our answering service on: 01-478 3020, Ext. 217, or outside office hours on: 01-478 1542.

Please quote Ref: 541

Closing date: 9th August, 1985

CHIEF EXECUTIVE/ GENERAL SECRETARY

WACC is a U.K. based agency working with Third World Churches to use media for development. Applications are invited for the post of General Secretary.

The position requires a firm grounding in communication research and professional experience gained in one of the communication disciplines. Candidates should be committed Christians with strong church connections, sensitive to global issues. The General Secretary is expected to represent the Association at international meetings and the ability to liaise with high level church and government contacts is important.

Candidates should have proven administrative skills and be capable of leading an international organisation with colleagues drawn from many different cultures.

Fluency in more than one of the Association's working languages — Spanish, French, English — is desirable.

Terms to be negotiated.

Applications with CV should be sent in confidence by 1st September, 1985 to Richard Cridlan, Secretary, Search Committee, World Association for Christian Communication, 122 Kings Road, London SW3 4TR.

Education Welfare Officer

This post serves three rural comprehensive schools and their associated primary schools and will be based in BRIDPORT. It may be of particular interest to applicants with experience of rural communities.

Salary within Scales 4/5/6 £6,264-£8,712 according to qualifications and experience.

If you have the CQSW and want to specialise in work with children and families, the Education Welfare Service may be the place for you.

Informal inquiries to Jo Early (Team Leader) or David Bowen (Principal Education Welfare Officer) on Dorchester 63131, extension 4143.

Application forms, returnable by 8th August, 1985, and further details from: County Education Officer (MD), County Hall, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1XJ. Tel: Dorchester 63131, ext. 4171. Please quote Post C0027Y.

DORSET County Council

BASSETLAW MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION
(MIND)

MIND CO-ORDINATOR

POSSIBLE JOB-SHARE
Salary £7,524-£10,107 (under review)

The Mental Health Association in Bassetlaw which is the most Northern area of Nottinghamshire, has a vacancy for a Co-ordinator. The main duties of this post are to manage and sustain existing schemes run by the Association and to take part in planning the Community Mental Health Service which is rapidly expanding

A working knowledge of community groups and a broad background in mental health are desirable as the post requires that work be undertaken at all levels in the mental health sphere.

For an informal chat and an application form, please contact: David Hopewell at 36 Wood Street, Mansfield, Notts NG18 1QA, Tel: Mansfield 661177.

SOCIAL WORK

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARINGEY

SOCIAL WORKER

£9 771 to £11,373 with one year's post qualified experience £9 189 for newly qualified staff

Area 3, Hornsey, 11A Park Road, London, N8, is one of three social work teams covering the ethnically and socially diverse South West area of the Borough.

We are looking for someone who can demonstrate the ability to manage and work effectively with a mixed caseload which is likely to include the elderly, mentally ill, rejected teenagers and troubled families. You should also have a sound knowledge of personal experience of ethnic minority communities and a commitment to identifying and mobilising community resources.

For further information please telephone Jane Reilly, Senior Social Worker on 01-340 1127. Application forms and job descriptions are available from Director of Social Services, 40 Cumberland Road, London N13 4SG, or telephone 01-887 3000, ext. 3795. Please quote reference G/225. Closing date August 9, 1985

HARINGEY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

FINANCE

SENIOR FINANCE OFFICER (SERVICES)

FINANCIAL SKILLS, PEOPLE AND CREATIVITY

£12-£14K

A new and challenging vacancy has now been created in the RNIB Britain's largest organisation serving people with little or no sight. The annual budget is in excess of £32 million.

The objective is to maximise income from grants and fees from statutory sources in connection with services provided. It will also be necessary to collect and maintain a data bank of fees charged by national voluntary organisations.

There will be substantial liaison with central and local government the EEC and the voluntary sector

The ideal candidate will naturally have a professional financial qualification, but will be required to show more than financial skills. He or she will bring a perceptive and analytical approach to bear, with the ability to prepare a strategic overview. At the same time the results are quantifiable and applicants must therefore enjoy being at the "sharp end."

Creativity is also vitally important. The vacancy starts out almost as a clean sheet of paper and offers tremendous scope and opportunity for job satisfaction.

In addition to professionalism and creativity, we also seek sensitivity to the needs and dignity of blind people.

A tall order? Certainly; but a wonderful opportunity to develop into general management.

Candidates, male or female, and aged 25/50, should send a detailed c.v. to: Personnel Officer, RNIB, 224 Great Portland Street, London W1N 6AA.

Closing date for applications August 16, 1985.

HOUSING

LONDON BOROUGH OF ISLINGTON

HOUSING DEPARTMENT

RESEARCH OFFICERS

Grade SO1, £10,725 to £11,355 p.a. inclusive

The Housing Department is currently being decentralised and at the same time a comprehensive computerisation programme is being implemented. A research officer is required to assist the Research Section in meeting the changing demands of the department.

You will join a team of five carrying out a variety of tasks relating to peoples housing needs and the housing stock including the provision of information and statistics, monitoring, and one-off projects. The work of the section is constantly changing and the successful candidate will therefore be required to initiate develop and implement new ideas and policies.

Applicants should have either two years' relevant experience of research in Housing and/or Local Government and a degree (or equivalent) or four years' relevant experience. You will need to be both numerate and literate in order to carry out research projects, compile and analyse data, and write complex reports for meetings of members and officers.

Application forms together with job description and further details are available from the Staff Section, Housing Department, 292 Essex Road, London N1 3AZ. 01-226 0772. Closing date Friday, August 9 1985.

Our jobs are open to all races both sexes lesbians and gay men and we have a positive attitude towards the employment of disabled people

ISLINGTON CARES CARE FOR ISLINGTON

London Borough of Southwark

HOUSING DEPARTMENT

ASSISTANT WELFARE OFFICER

£7,883 to £8,577 (Scale 4)

Southwark Council is responsible for the management of a hostel in Bermondsey, providing sleeping accommodation for over 150 single homeless men.

We require a person with experience of the single homeless and able to give advice and practical support to disadvantaged members of the community with a variety of social and welfare problems.

You will be required to work on a 7-day 24-hour rota basis and be capable of dealing with a wide range of problems.

For further information please telephone Michael Barrett Manager on 01-407 2120

Southwark is an equal opportunity employer. Applications are welcome from candidates regardless of sex or ethnic origin and from registered disabled persons. Telephone 01-701 2870 (24-hour answering service) any time for an application form or write on a postcard to The Personnel Officer, London Borough of Southwark, 25 Commercial Way, London, SE15 5DG. Please quote reference G/6/5634 and job title. Last date for receipt of completed Application Forms: 15-8-85.

TRAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

HOUSING DEPARTMENT

AREA HOUSING MANAGER

PO1 £10,725 - £11,562 p.a.

This challenging post requires a candidate who is a fully qualified member of the Institute of Housing, with previous managerial experience and with the personal qualities of leadership capable of motivating staff at all levels. The Department is responsible for the management of approximately 14 000 dwellings and this post is one of two third tier posts responsible for area based estate management

Previous applicants need not re-apply

Application forms and further information from and returnable to Chief Housing Officer, Housing Department Council Offices, Crofts Bank Road, Urmston, Manchester M31 Tel 061-748 4000. Ext 216 Closing date August 9, 1985

SHELTER (Scotland)

Scottish Campaign for the Homeless and Badly Housed

requires

HOUSING AID WORKER (GLASGOW)

HOUSING AID WORKER (EDINBURGH)

HOUSING CAMPAIGN WORKER (EDINBURGH H.Q.)

Salaries £7,465 (under review)

Application forms and job description from Liz Baxter Shelter, 65 Cockburn Street Edinburgh EH1 1BU. Telephone 031-226 6347

Closing date for completed application forms August 19, 1985

Handsworth Law Centre

requires a

HOUSING WORKER

£8,532-£9,114

Handsworth Law Centre provides free legal advice in the inner city area of Handsworth in Birmingham

We are looking for someone with commitment to improving housing conditions in the area by assisting tenants in taking legal action, particularly S 99's and S 32's and by campaigning to improve statutory and private landlord practices

The Housing Worker will operate as part of the Law Centre team and will be expected to join in the general advice giving and running of the Centre

Further details from: The Secretary Handsworth Law Centre, 220 Soho Road, Handsworth, Birmingham B21 9LR. Telephone Number 021-551 1969

Closing date August 31 1985

HEALTH

WEST MIDLANDS REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

SENIOR PROGRAMMER/STATISTICIAN

Required to assist with the provision of a statistical advice and analysis service to the Regional Health Authority planning and monitoring functions based in Edgbaston, Birmingham.

There is considerable opportunity for improving the transmission processing, dissemination and use of statistical information and the person appointed will be expected to participate in the identification and introduction of new computer systems to assist the process.

Previous experience is a computing environment is preferred together with knowledge of programming languages and the enthusiasm to implement new computing applications in a statistical environment

Salary and grade are dependant upon qualifications and experience
Scale 4 — £7,737-£9,431 p.a
Scale 1 — £5,915-£7,737 p.a

New entrants to the NHS normally commence at the minimum of the salary scale

Application form and job description are available from (quoting ref 85/634): Personnel Division: West Midlands Regional Health Authority, 1st Floor, Cumberland House, 200 Broad Street Birmingham B15 1SW. Tel 021-643 5781. Ext 47 Closing date for the receipt of completed application forms is August 15 1985.

The WMRHA is an Equal Opportunities Employer

CREWE HEALTH AUTHORITY

UNIT GENERAL MANAGERS

Crewe Health Authority serves a population of 242,000 and has an annual revenue budget of £34m. The Authority is seeking to recruit General Managers for the following Units:-

Leighton Hospital

A modern District General Hospital providing the acute services for the District with a revenue budget of £15.7m and staff complement of 1,475 wte

Community/Peripheral Hospitals

7 hospitals providing longer term care particularly for the elderly and mentally handicapped, together with comprehensive community services. The total budget is £14.3m and staff complement 1,530 wte.

Applicants should be suitably qualified and experienced managers with exceptional qualities of leadership and be prepared to implement organisational change and develop the quality of service provided.

The appointments will be for a fixed term of 3 years. Applicants, male or female, from outside the NHS are likely to be earning at least £20,000 pa.

Further details are available from the District Personnel Officer, Miss M E Morton, at District Headquarters, Barony Hospital, Nantwich. Tel. (0270) 626662, Ext: 295. Closing Date for the receipt of applications: Monday, August 12, 1985.

Paddington and North Kensington Health Authority and St Mary's Hospital Medical School

DISTRICT HEALTH INFORMATION UNIT

INFORMATION OFFICER

Salary £7,833-£10,153 pa (under review) inclusive of London Weighting

Applications are invited for the post of INFORMATION OFFICER which is based in the Department of Community Medicine. The Information Unit is currently involved in developing computer-based Management Information Systems covering the whole range of services provided by the Health Authority. We are looking for a person who is numerate, has some experience in programming and is able to work under pressure to meet tight deadlines. Previous experience in the NHS is not essential but would be an advantage

Informal enquiries can be made to the District Information Scientist, 01-237 1510/1535. Application form and job description from Assistant Secretary (Personnel), St. Mary's Hospital Medical School, Norfolk Place, London W2 1PG Tel. 01-725 1252 ext. 150.

Closing date: August 9. 1985

Re-advertisement, previous applicants need not apply

GENERAL

St Basil's Centre Limited

has a vacancy for a

RESETTLEMENT WORKER

to be based at Link Information Centre, to work with homeless 16-25-year-olds. Link is a Housing Aid, Advice and Referral Centre offering advice on Welfare Rights and issues relevant to young people. The postholder would provide Resettlement support for clients working towards independence.

Applicants should preferably be 25 years plus and have gained experience in community or social work and have a sound knowledge of Welfare Benefits and Housing issues. Consideration given to people with experience or qualifications in the above areas.

Applicants are invited from members of ethnic minorities. Salary scale 3/4 — £5,922-£7,389. Closing date Friday August 9. 1985

For further details and application forms, send stamped addressed envelope to Yvette John, St Basil's Centre Limited, Heathmill Lane, Deritend, Birmingham B9 4AX.

St Basil's Centre is an Equal Opportunities Employer

NATIONAL ELFRIDA RATHBONE SOCIETY (NERS)

NERS is a registered national charity helping the educationally handicapped in a variety of ways.

A MIDLANDS REGIONAL MANAGER

(BASED IN COVENTRY)

is required for the Society's Community Programmes Agency to manage and develop CP operations in the region.

This is a demanding but rewarding senior post and is open to applicants who are currently unemployed. Ability to motivate staff and commitment to the work of NERS is essential. Considerable travel is also involved and the successful applicant will need to be a car driver/owner

Applications by letter with full CV and names and addresses of two referees. Phone for further details to PER Coventry (0203) 53265 or Mrs G Cohen, NERS Head Office, 11a Whitworth Street, Manchester M1 3GW Tel. 061-236 5358

Closing date for applications August 9 1985

EAST ANGLIAN REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

OFFICE AND COMMITTEE SERVICES MANAGER

Scale 14

Salary £9 827 - £11 949 p a

This newly established post carries responsibility for the work, standard and efficiency of a range of key sections providing services and facilities to user divisions. These include committee/secretarial services, reprographics, safety/security matters and will involve the postholder in budgetary control

Applicants should have proven managerial experience preferably holding or studying for a recognised general management qualification. NHS experience, while desirable is not essential

Further details and application form available from the Personnel Department, Union Lane, Chesterton, Cambridge, CB4 1RF. Tel.: (0223) 61212 ext. 325.

HOUSING ADVISERS

(TWO)

THRESHOLD a housing advice centre for people without children requires two housing advisers for our Wandsworth office

The work includes giving advice and assistance on a wide range of housing/welfare benefit problems affecting single people, therefore experience in these areas is desirable

Experience/ability more important than formal qualifications. We are a collective of seven

Experience of working with black people in a multiracial inner city area essential

Knowledge of Urdu/Gujerati for one of the posts is an advantage

Salary Scale 6 £9 780

For application forms please Tel. 01-767 4984.

THRESHOLD IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES EMPLOYER

ASSISTANT ACCOUNTANT

required by the Royal College of Art. Age range 30/45. Principal responsibilities are production of financial information, preparation of final accounts and supervision of a section of the Bursar's Department. Essential qualities are flexibility, knowledge of computerised systems purchase ledger and payroll operation

Salary range £9 860-£14 925 (under review) plus London Allowance of £1,255 p.a.

Applications in writing to The Registrar (Sept.), Royal College of Art, Kensington Gore London SW7 2EU

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Ref: 01-207

Scale £6,555 - £8,262 (pay award pending). The Corporate Planning Unit is a small team within the Chief Executive's Group which helps formulate policies and strategies and provides a central research and information service.

The successful candidate will produce information reports, conduct surveys, monitor and analyse local trends, answer inquiries and possibly develop computer based systems. There will also be the opportunity to become directly involved in policy and strategy formulation.

Applicants should be of graduate calibre, numerate and have a high standard of written and oral communication skills.

For an informal discussion please telephone Geoff Richmond on Swindon (0793) 26161, ext 3069.

Further details / applications forms from the Personnel Officer Thamesdown Borough Council, Civic Offices, Swindon SN1 2JH. Tel (0793) 616262 (24 hours answering service) quoting appropriate reference number.

Closing date: August 2. 1985

We welcome applications irrespective of race, sex or disability

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LONDON BOROUGH OF SOUTHWARK

SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

RESEARCH & PROJECTS OFFICER

£11,964 to £12,810 (PO1) pro rata to 18 hours per week

This part-time post is situated with the Information Section of the Social Services Department. Together with the officer currently undertaking the remaining 18 hours, this postholder will be responsible for developing full range of information systems within the Department and for undertaking Project Work. Both postholders report to and deputise for the Departmental Information Officer and are responsible on a day to day basis for the supervision of the Admin Officers and two Clerical Officers.

Applicants should preferably have experience of Social Services information collection data analysis and Project Work, and have the ability to write clearly and concisely. Experience in the use of computers would be an advantage. You will work closely with Officers at all levels both within the Council and in outside organisations.

For further information or an informal discussion, please contact Veronica Trim, Departmental Information Officer on 01-703 6363 ext. 251.

Southwark is an equal opportunity employer. Applications are welcome from candidates regardless of sex or ethnic origin and from registered disabled persons. Telephone 01-701 2870 (24-hour answering service) any time for an application form or write on a postcard to The Personnel Officer, London Borough of Southwark, 25 Commercial Way, London, SE15 5DG. Please quote reference G/13/5636 and job title. Last date for receipt of completed application forms 14-8-85

London Borough of Tower Hamlets

DIRECTORATE OF SOCIAL SERVICES

TEMPORARY OFFICER IN CHARGE

MARY SAMBROOKE NURSERY

Applications are invited from suitably qualified staff for the post of Temporary Officer in Charge to cover maternity leave (for up to nine months) at a purpose-built 60 place Day Nursery

This is a key post and the person we seek must possess a special blend of skills, the knowledge understanding and extensive experience of working with children 0-5 years. As important are management qualities to lead an existing team of staff committed to meeting the developmental needs of children from a multi-cultural background

Above all you should be innovative and flexible

Informal inquiries are welcomed by Peter Osborne 01-790 7111

Applicants are considered on the basis of their suitability for the post regardless of sex, racial origin, marital status, disablement or age

Application forms and further details from

Personnel Services, Town Hall, Patriot Square, London E2, or telephone our answering service on 01-981 0077.

Please quote reference 699389G Closing date for receipt of completed applications August 12 1985

COMMUNITY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

THE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER AGENCY

HEALTH SERVICES WORKER

PART TIME — LONDON

A Health Services Worker is required to

(a) initially provide short term cover for CSV's Group Homes Worker

(b) Become part of CSV a Health Service Programme Team — (exact format dependant on present funding applications)

The Group Homes work entails selection placement and support of CSV volunteers in group homes for mentally handicapped people liaison with homes staff and residents, assisting CSV colleagues in their work with similar projects

A commitment to community living for mentally handicapped people is essential as is a belief in young people's potential. Ability to work creatively and under pressure is needed, as are sound administrative skills

Closing date August 7 1985

Salary Scale 5 £8 772 pro rata (inclusive of London Weighting)

Please write (preferably with cv) for details and application form Susan Heywood Community Service Volunteers 237 Pentonville Road London N1 9NJ

NICARAGUA SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN

Requiesa a Full Time

ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE WORKER

And TWO PART TIME

ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANTS

to join its expanding staff team. Salary £7,000 per annum for the full time post (currently under review).

Write for job descriptions to. NSC. 20/21 Compton Terrace London N1 2UN, or telephone 01 226 6747. ext 55.

Closing date for applications Friday August 9, 1985.

DERBYSHIRE RURAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

RURAL OFFICER

The Derbyshire Rural Community Council has a vacancy for a full time Rural Officer to expand the development of rural communities in social, economic and environmental matters. The Officer will be required to work closely with local authorities and voluntary organisations, and should be able to stimulate initiatives to provide solutions to local problems. Desirable qualifications are appropriate experience, organising ability, a good knowledge of rural communities and voluntary organisations, and preferably some knowledge of planning processes

Salary Scale: £8,555-£8,532

Further details and application forms available from. The Director. Derbyshire Rural Community Council, Church Street, Wirksworth, Derby DE4 4EY Tel Wirksworth 4797 and should be applied for by August 9, 1985, enclosing a foolscap size S.A.E. for reply

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Redbridge Health Authority

INFORMATION ASSISTANT 1 YEAR Ref: 1297

Grade GAA. Salary £5,835 + £648 London Weighting Allowance

We are looking for an enthusiastic graduate to establish and maintain systems to ensure that the Health Authority complies with the provisions of the Data Protection Act of 1984. The post holder will also assist with the implementation of other major information developments i.e. undertake specific projects under the direction of the Information Systems Manager and establish effective information and retrieval systems

Applicants must have some knowledge of computer application and possess excellent written and oral communication skills. The ability to work to a high standard whilst under pressure essential

For job description and application form telephone Personnel Department, Goodmayes Hospital, Barley Lane Goodmayes Ilford Essex. on 01-599 8069 (24-hour answering service)

London Icom Training Limited

TRAINING RESOURCES WORKER

A new London-wide training organisation is looking for a Training Resource Worker to develop the provision within the workers co-operative movement. Salary £10,725 pa

Apply for further details to: Toni Landorino. London Icom Training Ltd. 8 Bradbury Street. London N16 8JN

01-249 2837

Closing date for applications is August 8. 1985

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6 0 **NEWS**: Weather.

6 35 **REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINES.**

7 0 **WOGAN.** With triumphant golfer Sandy Lyle, plus David Bellamy, actress Linda Hunt and gameshow creator Mark Goodson (he's the man to blame for Blankety Blank, What's My Line and The Price Is Right).

7 35 **KINGFISHER.** The blue streak which spells death to fish is a mysterious bird. This stunning film, narrated by Bernard Falk, mirrors the life of a kingfisher from its birth in an underground nest to the "secret splendour of the brook" as Tennyson put it. Another repeat.

8 0 **FELL TIGER:** 1. New six part drama serial by Christopher Green stars David Hayman as mountaineer Joe Borrow, hero of the Himalayas, who comes down to earth with a bump when he returns to base camp in the Lakeland Fells. Dishonesty, deceit and a rocky marriage greet him on his return home from the roof of the world. Ceefax sub-titles.

8 50 **POINTS OF VIEW:** Barry Took with more of your comments.

9 0 **NEWS:** Weather.

9 25 **REAL LIVES:** Lost in Space. First of six film documentaries about the people of today. Tonight we see what went on behind the scenes at NASA in 1984 when two satellites worth 150 million dollars apiece were launched from the shuttle Challenger, and lost. The film mirrors the human reaction to this massive star-spangled bungle. *Ceefax sub-titles.*

10 30 **COME DANCING.** More from the sequins and sambas brigade with David Jacobs in the Ballroom, Blackpool.

11 10 **GLITTER.** On Your Toes. No, not more tripping the light fantastic, but another soapy saga from behind the pages of the imaginary glossy mag.

12 0 Weather. 12 5 Close.

Wales: 5 35-6 0 pm Wales Today. 6 35-7 0 The Royal Welsh 1985

Northern Ireland: 5 35 pm Today's Sport. 5 40-6 0 Inside Ulster. 6 35-7 0 Rolf Harris Cartoon Time

BBC-2

6 55-7 20 am Open University. 9 0 Pages from Ceefax.

5 25 **NEWS.**

5 30 **HEROES:** Richard and Adrian Crane, the running brothers from Keswick, discuss their heroes with Eric Robson.

6 0 **ONLY ONE DAY LEFT BEFORE TOMORROW.** Made-for-telly film from Batman director Leslie Martinson stars Pete Duel of Alias Smith and Jones fame and Clinton Greyn as two tearaways out to repossess a stolen jet from a Latin American republic. It used to be called How to Steal an Airplane, apparently.

7 30 **OPEN SPACE:** Fair Means or Fowler. Action for Benefits has a bash, in song and sketches, at the present social security system.

8 0 **WILDLIFE SHOWCASE:** A Bite for Survival. Have your calamine lotion at hand for this prize-winning film on the mosquito, its life and times and hungry little jaws. Norwegian director Charles Patey captures the mozzies from hatching through to nibbling his own arm in itchy close-up.

8 30 **THE TRAVEL SHOW:** Get away from it all with Paul Heiney. Kathy Rochford reports on the delights of Tunisia. Jim Bacon gives the holiday weather forecasts and there's news on the latest cheapie breaks, and how tourists can cash in on the devalued lira.

9 0 **RIGHT OF WAY:** Continuing a season of films on controversial subjects Bette Davis and James Stewart star as a determined old couple who want to end their lives together but are opposed by their daughter and the authorities. First showing on British TV for this 1983 look at the politics of the self-administered exit.

10 45 **NEWSNIGHT.**

11 30 Weatherview.

11 35 Open University.

12 30 Close.

ITV London

6.15 am Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Headlines; Larry the Lamb. 9 40 Potty Time. 10 5 Fireball XL5. 10 30 Caroline. 10 55 Courageous Cat. 11 5 Home. 11 30 About Britain. 12 0 Tales from Fat Tulip's Garden. 12 10 pm Our Backyard. 12 30 A Wing and a Prayer. 1 0 News. 1 20 Thames News. 1 30 A Country Practice. 2 30 Hair. 3 0 Take the High Road. 3 25 News Headlines. 3 30 *Sons and Daughters.* 4 0 Tales from Fat Tulip's Garden. 4 10 Victor and Maria. 4 20 Fraggle Rock. 4 50 Poparound. 5 15 Keep It in the Family.

5 45 **NEWS;** Weather.

6 0 **THAMES NEWS.**

6 25 **WHAT IT'S WORTH:** More consumer letters with Penny Junor and David Stafford.

6 35 **CROSSROADS.**

7 0 **WHERE THERE'S LIFE:** Surrogate mothers Kim Cotton and Kirsty Stevens discuss their motives for their rent-a-womb activities with Elizabeth Kane, the world's first woman to bear a child for cash. Ms Kane has since changed her mind and opposes surrogate motherhood. Dr Miriam Stoppard presides over the debate with the studio audience. *Oracle sub-titles.*

7 30 **CORONATION STREET:** Oracle sub-titles.

8 0 **DUTY FREE:** El Astro. Repeat of the unfunny comedy on the Costa del Somewhere.

8 30 **THE FUNNY SIDE.** A laugh-a-minute look back at the Teddy Boy era with the resident comics. Derek Waring also gets a lesson in modern highway robbery and Faith Brown gives us an update on Dallas. Oracle sub-titles.

9 0 **BULMAN:** Another Part of the Jungle. More crimes to solve for the extraordinary Mr B, of the Will Power tee shirts and woolly gloves in Granada's slick alternative cop series. Oracle sub-titles.

10 0 **NEWS AT TEN** followed by Thames News Headlines.

10 30 **EAST OF EDEN:** Timothy Bottoms stars in part two of John Steinbeck's classic about the conflict between two brothers. Another repeat.

12 20 **NIGHT THOUGHTS** with the Bishop of Durham, the Rt Rev David Jenkins followed by Closedown.

Channel 4

2 30 pm Film: Androcles and the Lion. 1952 comedy-drama with Alan Young, Victor Mature. 4 20 World of Animation. 4 30 Television Scrabble. 5 0 *Alice.* 5 30 Farming on Four.

6 0 **WALES: LANDSCAPE AND LEGEND:** 10. The Hungers of the Sea — Part II. The sea which pounds the Welsh coastline has long inspired Celtic legend and poetry. A celebration of the land of their fathers from Sian Phillips, Philip Madoc, Delyth Wyn and Gwyn Beech.

6 30 **ATHLETICS:** English Schools Athletic Association Milk Track and Field Championships.

7 0 **CHANNEL FOUR NEWS.** 7 50 Comment by a Labour MP. Followed by weather.

8 0 **LOSING TRACK:** Whose Loss? In the final edition of the series, Kerry Hamilton examines the present approach to transport policy which tends to increase provisions for the private motorist and slash public transport.

8 30 **STAGING AN OPERA:** The Production. A second airing of the six-part series which explores Jonathan Miller's production of Fidelio for Kent Opera.

9 0 **ERNEST ANSERMET:** The summer season of music continues with a portrait of the great Swiss conductor, 1883-1969, who was a champion of new music and a pioneer of modern recording.

10 5 **LOU GRANT:** Christmas. Get your green eye-shields on for more than the mythical journalists at The Trib.

11 0 **VISIONS:** Annecy, Animation and Blimp. Neil Jordan, director of A Company of Wolves, reviews the new London releases while the legendary Mr Magoo reports on the 25th Annecy Festival devoted to cartoons and animation. Also, a tribute to the creators of Colonel Blimp.

12 5 Close.

Anglia

6 15 As London.
9 25 Sesame Street.
10 25 *City Centre Cycling.*
10 55 Cartoon Time
11 0 Fireball XL5.
11 30 As London.
12 30 Whose Baby?
1 0 News.
1 20 *Anglia News.*
1 30 As London.
5 15 Connections.
5 45 News.
6 0 About Anglia.
6 35 As London.
10 30 The Human Jigsaw.
11 0 Film: The Gorgon. 1964 horror with Peter Cushing, Christopher Lee.
12 35 East Comes West, close

Central

6 15 As London.
9 25 Fireball XL5.
9 50 Matt and Jenny on the Wilderness Trail.
10 15 Mountain Habitat
10 30 Film Operation Cupid (1959). With Charles Farrell
11 30 *As London.*
12 30 Vintage Quiz.
1 0 News.
1 20 Central News.
1 30 Simon and Simon.
2 30 As London.
5 15 Newshound.
5 45 News.
6 0 Crossroads.
6 25 Central News.
7 0 As London.
10 35 Well, It's a *Living.*
11 5 Hammer House of Mystery and Suspense.
12 30 Close.

Channel

6 15 As London.
9 25 Kum Kum.
9 45 Once Upon A Time . . . Man.
10 15 European Folk Tales.
10 25 Blockbusters.
10 55 The Crazy World of Sport.
11 20 Wattoo Wattoo.
11 30 As London.
12 30 Glenroe.
1 0 News.
1 20 Channel News
1 30 As London.
5 15 The New Ed *Allen Time.*
5 45 News.
6 0 Channel Report.
6 15 Felix Keeps on Walking.
6 35 As London.
12 20 Actualites; close.

Granada

6 15 As London.
9 25 Cartoon.
9 40 Kum Kum.
10 0 About Britain.
10 30 Crown Green Bowling.
12 0 Tales from Fat Tulip's Garden.
12 10 Our Backyard.
12 30 Glenroe.
1 0 News.
1 20 Granada Reports News.
1 30 Crown Green Bowling.
2 30 As London.
3 30 The Young Doctors.
4 0 As London.
5 15 Now You See It.
5 45 News.
6 0 This Is Your Right.
6 5 Crossroads
6 30 Granada Reports.
7 0 As London.
10 30 *Human Jigsaw*
11 0 East of Eden
12 40 Close.

HTV

6 15 As London.
9 25 *Sesame Street.*
10 25 Jeremy.
10 35 Indian Legends of Canada.
11 0 Hands.
11 30 About Britain.
12 0 Tales from Fat Tulip's Garden.
12 10 Our Backyard.
12 30 Something to Treasure.
1 0 News.
1 20 HTV News.
1 30 *Home Cookery Club.*
1 35 The Love Boat.
2 30 As London.
5 15 Benson.
5 45 News.
6 0 HTV News.
6 35 As London.
12 20 Weather; close.

Wales: As West except: 6 0-6 35 pm Wales at Six.

South

6 15 As London.
9 25 TVS Outlook.
9 30 Sesame Street
10 25 Swiftly and Shortly.
10 30 Cartoon Alphabet.
11 0 Mika.
11 30 As London.
12 30 Vintage Quiz.
1 0 News.
1 20 TVS News.
1 30 The Bondage Field.
2 30 As London.
3 30 The Young Doctors.
4 0 As London.
6 0 Coast to Coast.
6 35 As London.
12 15 Company; Close.

South-west

6 15 As London.
9 25 Sesame Street.
10 25 Blockbusters.
10 55 The Crazy World of Sport.
11 20 Wattoo Wattoo.
11 30 As London.
12 30 Glenroe.
1 0 News.
1 20 TSW News.
1 30 A Country Practice.
2 25 Home Cookery Club.
2 30 As London.
5 15 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays.
5 20 Crossroads.
5 45 News.
6 0 Today South-West.
6 30 Database.
7 0 As London.
12 20 Postscript; weather; close.

Tyne-Tees

6 15 As London.
9 25 North-East News.
9 30 Sesame Street.
10 25 Lost Kingdoms.
10 55 Flora Purim with Atiro.
11 20 Cartoon Time.
11 30 As London.
12 30 Glenroe.
1 0 News.
1 20 North-East News.
1 25 Where the Jobs Are.
1 30 As London.
5 15 Survival.
5 45 News.
6 2 Crossroads.
6 25 Northern Life.
7 0 As London.
10 32 The Human Jigsaw.
11 0 The Last Resort.
11 30 The Potter and the Clay: close.

Yorkshire

6 15 As London.
9 25 Sesame Street.
10 25 European Folk Tales.
10 35 The History of the Grand Prix.
11 0 Once Upon a Time . . . Man.
11 30 As London.
12 30 Calendar Lunchtime Live.
1 0 News.
1 20 Calendar Headlines.
1 30 Falcon Crest.
2 30 As London.
5 15 Survival.
5 45 News.
6 0 Calendar.
6 35 As London.
10 30 Human Jigsaw.
11 0 East of Eden.
12 40 Close.

S4C

1 0 Television Scrabble.
1 30 Back to the Roots.
2 0 Ffalabalam.
2 15 Egwyl.
3 30 Female Focus.
4 0 Just Williams.
4 30 Old Country.
5 0 Plant y Byd.
5 15 Ysbrydion y Mor.
5 30 The Addams Family.
6 0 Brookside.
6 30 Fantomas.
7 0 Newyddion Saith.
7 30 *Mae Gen I Gerdd.*
8 5 Siarabang.
8 35 Y Byd ar Bedwar.
9 5 Film: Showboat. 1936 musical with Irene Dunne, Allan Jones, Paul Robeson.
11 5 Eastern Eye.
12 35 Diwedd.

Radio 1

6 0 am Adrian John. 8 0 Mike Smith. 10 0 Simon Bates's Golden Hour. 11 0 Radio 1 Roadshow. 12 30 pm Newsbeat. 12 45 Gary Davies. 2 30 Steve Wright. 5 0 Bruno Brookes. 7 30 Paul Jordan. 10 0-12 0 John Peel.

Radio 2

4 0 am Martin Kelner. 6 0 Ray Moore. 8 5 Ken Bruce. 10 30 Jimmy Young. 1 5 pm David Jacobs. 2 5 Gloria Hunniford. 3 30 Music All the Way. 3 35 Music all the Way. 4 5 David Hamilton. 6 5 John Dunn. 8 0 Metropole Orchestra. 8 45 Big Band Special. 9 15 Harry Mortimer's World of Brass. 10 0 The Fosdyke Saga II. 10 15 Harvey and the Wallbangers. 10 30 Hubert Gregg. 11 0 Brian Matthew. 1 0 am Peter Dickson. 3 0 Vernon and Maryetta Midgley. 3 30-4 0 Detective.

Radio 3

6 55 Weather.
7 0 News; Your Midweek Choice.
9 0 News; This Week's Composer: Purcell. Dido and Aeneas, with Emma Kirkby (sop.), David Thomas (bass-bar), Taverner Choir and Players, Andrew Parrott.
10 5 Portia Wind Ensemble. Schmitt: Sonatine en trio; Gaubert: Tarantelle; Planel: Andante and Scherzo; Pleyel: Quintet in C.
10 40 BBC Scottish SO, Jerzy Maksymiuk. Lutoslawski: Musique funèbre a la memoire de Bela Bartok; Haydn: Symphony No. 80; Ravel: Mother Goose.
11 45 Dartington Trio. Mozart: Trio in G; Faure: Trio in D minor.
12 25 A Slovak Suite. *Novak's Op. 32* with the folk music that inspired it. Czech PO, Vajnar.
1 0 News. Getz and Johnson. Excerpts from a concert in Stockholm, 1960, by Stan Getz (tenor sax) and J. J. Johnson (trombone).
1 30 Matinee Musicale: BBC Concert Orch, Lockhart. Rossini: Journey to Reims; Wilfred Josephs: Two Aelian Dances; Szymanowski: Roxana's Song; Falla: Danse espagnole; Buser: Petite Suite; J. Strauss Jr: Fledermaus Overture.
2 30 Butterworth Centenary: Peter Savidge (bar.), David Owen Norris (piano). Butterworth: Six *Songs from a Shropshire Lad;* Howells: King David; Butterworth. Requiescat; Finzi: To a Poet.
3 15 Sibelius: Symphony No. 1, Gothenburg SO, Neeme Jarvi.
4 0 Choral Evensong from Southwark Cathedral.
4 55 News; Mainly for Pleasure.
6 30 Debut: Piers Lane (piano). Scriabin: Twelve Studies Op. 8.
7 0 The Songs of Sibelius. Tom Krause (bar.), with Irwin Gage (piano), sings settings of Johan Ludvig Runeberg.
7 30 Proms 85: Bournemouth SO. *Rudolf Barshai. Mozart:* Masonic Funeral Music; Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 4 (Yefim Bronfman).
8 15 Six Continents.
8 35 Prom, part 2. Shostakovich: Symphony No. 8.
9 50 *Life of the Poet Gnaeus Robertulus Gravesa* from Gaius Suetonius Tranquillus' Lives of the Britannic Poets. Short story for Robert Graves' 90th birthday.
10 5 Rochberg (Contra mortem et tempus) and Crumb (Voice of the Whale). Lonatano, Odaline de la Martinez.
10 45 They Say . . . They Say. Short play by Robert Graves.
11 0 Philip Fowke (piano). Liszt: Annees de pelerinage, book 2.
11 57 News.

Radio 4

5 55 Shipping forecast.
6 0 News Briefing.
6 10 Farming Today.
6 25 Prayer for the Day.
6 30 Today including 7 0, 8 0 News; 8 35 Yesterday in Parliament.
9 0 News; Midweek: Libby Purves.
10 0 News; In Tune with the Times. Profile of the Chamber Orchestra of Europe.
10 30 Morning Story: The Wrong Kitchen by Audrey Morley.
10 45 Daily Service.
11 0 News; The Face in the Mirror. Portrait of Robert Graves for his 90th birthday.
11 48 In Keeping with Tradition. 3: Douglas Barrington, inn-keeper of the *Lygon Arms.*
12 0 News; You and Yours.
12 27 XPD. Thriller by Len Deighton. Final part.
1 0 The World at One: News.
1 40 The Archers.
2 0 News; Woman's Hour with guest Peter Schaufuss, artistic director of the London Festival Ballet.
3 0 News; Afternoon Play: Cleaning the Attic by Colin Haydn Evans. Jessie discovers her late husband's secrets.
3 47 Time for Verse: *Greek myths,* 2: Sisters and Sirens.
4 0 News; Operatic Encounters. Conductor Edward Downes talks about work in the opera house.
4 10 Books of the Century: John Spurling discusses *Gabriel Garcia* Marquez's "One Hundred Years of Solitude."
4 40 Story Time: Another Self by James Lees-Milne (last part).
5 0 PM. News magazine.
6 0 The Six O'Clock News.
6 30 My Music. Tuneful quiz.
7 0 News. The Archers.
7 20 Peking Parks. What goes on in the city parks at dawn.
7 45 Forbidden Knowledge. Evidence for and against the paranormal.
8 15 Music from the People. The folk song revival.
8 45 A Farewell to Arms Control? A critical look at arms control talks.
9 30 The Cambridge Buskers. Musical diversion.
9 45 Scottish Arts Week: Craft workshops in tapestry and printmaking.
10 15 A Book at Bedtime: The McGuffin by John Bowen (8).
10 30 The World Tonight.
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11 30 Today in Parliament.
12 0 News, weather; interval.
12 33 Shipping forecast.

VHF: 1 55-2 0 pm Listening Corner. 11 30-12 10 am Open University.

Wales (340m): 4 0 am As Radio 2. 6 25 Terence O Donohue. 7 33 AM. 10 3 Bob Sheppard. 11 30 Remember When. 12 30 pm Meet For Lunch. 1 0 Catchphrase 1. 1 45 The "Royal" Radio Show. 3 30 Get Gardening. 4 0 Four Five-Six. 6 0 As Radio 4. 7 0 Catchphrase 2. 7 5 As Radio 4. 10 0-4 0 am As Radio 2.

Cymru (VHF): 5 55 am Weather; Gweler Radio 4. 6 25 Helo Bobol. 9 5 Mwy na Geiriau. 10 2 Galw Alun. 11 0 Newyddion [illegible] 11 10 Stondin o'r Sioe. 12 15 pm Talwrn Y Beirdd. 1 0 Aros Awr. 1 20 Mae'n Rhy Hwyr i Droi 'Nol. 1 50 O Glawr i Glawr. 2 0 Gweler Radio 4. 5 0 Post Prynhawn. 6 0 Gweler Radio 4. 6 30 O'r Sioe. 7 0 Gweler Wales. 7 5 Gweler Radio 4. 10 15 Newyddion; Ar Nyd y Nos. 11 30 Open University. 12 10 am-close Gweler Radio 4.

Scotland (370m): 6 0 am As Radio 4. 6 30 *Good Morning Scotland.* 8 45 Jimmy Mack. 11 5 Macgregor Gathering. 12 0 News. 12 2 pm Fair Do's. 12 30 Lunchtime Report. 1 0 As Radio 4. 1 40 Iain Anderson: Tide and Island. 2 3 Taking Issue with Colin Bell. 3 3 Art Sutter. 5 0 Good Evening Scotland. 6 0 News; Farming News. 6 30 In the Country. 7 0 Focus. 7 30 The Light Programme. 8 30 Cargill Collection. 10 0 News. Tom Ferrie. 12 0-Close. As Radio 4.

World Service

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6 0 am Newsdesk. 6 30 Omnibus. 7 0 News. 7 9 Twenty-four Hours. 7 30 Report on Religion. 7 45 That's Trad. 8 0 News. 8 9 Reflections. 8 15 Classical Record Review. 8 30 Patrick Martyn's Music Box. 9 0 News. 9 9 British Press Review. 9 15 The World Today. 9 30 Financial News. 9 40 Look Ahead. 9 45 A Land of Song. 10 0 News; The Liberated Male. 11 0 News about Britain. 11 15 Hunger. 11 25 A Letter from Wales. 11 30 Meridian. 12 0 Radio Newsreel. 12 15 pm Nature Notebook. 12 25 The Farming World. 12 45 Sports Roundup. 1 0 News. 1 9 Twenty-Four Hours. 1 30 Strictly Instrumental. 2 0 Outlook. 2 45 Report on Religion. 3 0 Radio Newsreel. 3 15 Tomorrow's Child. 3 30 Educating Archie. 4 0 News. 4 9 Commentary. 4 15 Counterpoint. 7 56 Stock Market Report. 8 0 News. 8 9 Twenty-Four Hours. 8 30 Assignment. 9 0 News; Network UK. 9 15 Album Time. 9 45 Recording of the Week. 10 0 News. 10 9 The World Today. 10 25 A Letter from Wales. 10 30 Financial News. 10 40 Reflections. 10 45 Sports Roundup. 11 0 News. 11 9 Commentary. 11 15 Good Books. 11 30 Top Twenty. 12 0 News. 12 9 am News About Britain. 12 15 Radio Newsreel. 12 30 Educating Archie. 1 0 News; Outlook. 1 30 Waveguide. 1 40 Book Choice. 1 45 Monitor. 2 0 News. 2 9 British Press Review. 2 15 Network UK. 2 30 Assignment. 3 0 News. 3 9 News About Britain. 3 15 The World Today. 4 45 Financial News. 4 55 Reflections. 5 0 News. 5 9 Twenty-Four Hours. 5 45 The World Today.

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THEATRES

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Counties given go ahead

EASTERN COUNTIES, who include Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, and Essex, have been granted permission by the Rugby Football Union to go ahead next season with a system of club leagues for a trial period of two years

The leagues are to be sponsored by Greene King, the brewers based at Bury St Edmunds. Eastern Counties have already been organising merit tables for clubs, but they claim that "clubs have become increasingly dissatisfied and critical of the apparent anomalies of a structure which can defend itself against interruption by 'outsiders' with no real regard for relative success."

One of the anomalies of merit tables is that not every club plays every other club in its table. Under the new league system, which will include promotion and relegations, every club in the area will have an opportunity to find its rightful place in the structure.

THE GOLDEN OLDIES festival is to be given "an Olympic style" opening at Twickenham on September 29 with 184 teams from 22 countries marching past and with the Red Devils providing a fly-past.

This will be the fourth Festival for players over the age of 35. The first was held in New Zealand in 1979, the second at Long Beach, California, in 1981, and the third at Sydney in 1983. Games will be played in the London area throughout the week following the opening ceremony.

The Albert Hall has been booked for two evenings of "rugby nostalgia", presided over by Max Boyce, and the closing dinner for more than 7,000 people will be held in a warehouse in London Docklands. It should be quite a week.

ONE OF rugby's best-known landscape features, the slope of Bedford's pitch, is to disappear. The pitch is to be flattened as part of the club's expansion and improvement plan. They hope to raise £100,000 over the next five years through fund-raising events, increased sponsorship, special matches and a centenary appeal. They will be celebrating their centenary the season after next.

SEVENOAKS SCHOOL are off on their travels again, this time to Zimbabwe. They went to British Columbia in 1974, Australia in 1976, Fiji, New Zealand, and Hong Kong in 1980, and Portugal in 1982. The current tour includes eight games, for which they have a party of 23 boys and five members of the school staff, led by Mike Williams, the school coach, who used to play for Blackheath, Kent, and Durham and who is now coach to the England 16-group team.

The tour includes plenty of time for sight-seeing. Visits are planned to the Great Zimbabwe Ruins, Kariba, and Victoria Falls.

LLANELLI ARE to stage a special annual match in memory of Carwyn James who served the club as player, coach, and president. The Irish Wolfhounds, the French Barbarians, and the Co-optimists will provide the opposition in rotation, but the inaugural game will be against the touring Queensland side next January.

David Frost

Abrupt end to 'mystery tour'

Thirty All Black players who had planned to arrive in South Africa this week as private individuals, thus circumventing the New Zealand High Court action against an official tour, have been thwarted in mysterious circumstances.

The chairman of the South African Barbarians, Chick Henderson, said in Johannesburg yesterday that his club had been asked to prepare to play the New Zealanders at Johannesburg's Ellis Park next Wednesday.

All 30 of the All Blacks originally selected had agreed to travel, he said, but new last-minute injunctions had been taken out against Brian Lochore, coach of the cancelled tour, Andy Dalton, the captain and Andy Haden, the veteran lock forward.

But the secretary of the South African Rugby Board, Alex Kellermann, yesterday gave another reason for the cancellation of the substitute tour. "A request by the SA Barbarians to invite the New Zealanders as individuals was turned down by the Board last Thursday," he said. He added that this decision had been taken after Danie Craven, president of the SARB, had spoken by telephone with Ces Blazey, chairman of the New Zealand Rugby Union. "Another offer by a private company was also unsuccessful," said Kellermann.

Henderson's reference to an injunction stopping the privateers' tour mystified journalists in Wellington, who said that there had been no rugby-related court action since the original All Blacks tour was stopped by an injunction 10 days ago.

There had been strong rumours that 29 of the 30 players originally selected were planning an unofficial tour, but these were always denied by those involved, and evaporated completely earlier this week with the announcement of the South African state of emergency. Private advice from senior rugby administrators against risking such a visit was thought to have decided the issue.

The disappointed Henderson, the former Oxford University and Scottish International loose forward who is now a successful businessman and broadcaster in South Africa, emphasised that this second tour would in no sense have been a rebel tour. "The South African Barbarians went through the proper channels," he said. "We sent out invitation to the South African Rugby Board for them to forward to the players via the New Zealand Rugby Union.

There must remain the possibility of a "rebel" tour, organised without the involvement of either the SARB of the NZRU. An independent promoter would find many leading New Zealand players near the end of their careers, and probably a fair number of veteran players in South Africa, prepared to abandon their connections with the official game.

Nor would the matter of finding grounds be too difficult: many of the stadiums in South Africa are municipally owned.

The Springboks, meanwhile are making plans to tour their own country next month. The South African selectors have been asked to go ahead and pick their national team for a minimum of three and a maximum of five games in different parts of the country. The plan is for three of these matches to be played against local opposition at the grounds originally scheduled for Tests against the All Blacks — Newlands, Pretoria and Durban.

MOTOR CYCLING: Joey Dunlop has won the Formula One world championship. One of the remaining three rounds of the series, at Zolder in Belgium, has been cancelled and the Irishman, winner of the first four rounds on his Rothmans Honda, cannot now be beaten, writes Peter Clifford.

Walking back to cricket happiness

Middlesex's opener Graham Barlow tells Mike Selvey how unorthodox healing saved his career

THE MIDDLESEX dressing-room at Lord's had long since cleared after the game against Somerset last week, and only the toing and froing of the attendant disturbed the peace. A blond figure sat, towel draped round him, in the far corner of the room, over by the row of wash-basins, where he has always changed.

Graham Barlow, Middlesex and erstwhile England, was reflecting on his fortunes. "You know," he said. "I'm playing the best cricket of my life right now." That was an understatement: the past month has seen an undreamt-of run of county championship scores—31, 102, 81, 6 not out, 103 not out, 9, 141, 17, 97, 112, 132 and 38 and confidence is bubbling out of him like spring water.

Yet the 35-year-old Barlow is a grateful man. Followers of the game will know him as a punchy, perky left-hander with a rumbustious range of strokes and an electric turn of speed between the wickets. In his pomp he was one of the finest cover-fielders in the world. His colleagues knew him as a fitness nut; the pre-season sergeant major who had cut his teeth at Loughborough College.

Way back in 1976 he had played well enough to go on an England tour and make his Test debut. Now, he recalls that year as the ominous start of a niggling groin pain. Over the years his team-mates became used to his winding himself in bandages, and to his stiff-legged hobble, which earned him the nickname Duggie, after Douglas Bader.

Specialists finally diagnosed not a groin strain but a pain referred from his right hip, which revealed signs of an arthritic condition. By the start of last season the pain and restriction of movement had become so acute that for the first time Barlow faced the possibility of retirement, even disablement.



AURA OF CONFIDENCE: Barlow is back among the runs with a vengeance this season after overcoming his hip problems
Picture by Kenneth Saunders

When all else has failed, the mind turns to last resorts. Barlow has an aunt in Kent who is, he says, a healer, who has aided him in the past; not physically, but by helping him to cope with the stress.

He telephoned her. "She felt my condition was beyond her scope, but knew of a woman in New Romney who she thought could help." There is no pretension about Doreen Paul's healing centre — it is just a few rooms above a furniture shop — but such is the lady's reputation locally that established medical practices seem to have taken a back seat.

"The first time I went I could hardly walk," said Barlow. "I suppose I was apprehensive, but when I met this ordinary middle-aged woman, married with teenage daughters, I immediately felt relaxed." He became more intense as he related that first meeting, his china-blue eyes piercing, as if sensing my scepticism.

"I sat down and, without my revealing any details to her, she was able to diagnose my condition, adding that my shoulder was affected as well. I told her my immediate priority was to get through the season, and she explained that although the full healing process could take some time, I could be assisted in the short term."

He then explained the principles behind the healing. "The body," he said, "has an 'aura' around it, and the healer uses the hands to 'feel' this — there is no physical touching."

Barlow's arthritis had affected both the ball and socket of the hip joint, which was no longer lubricated. The cartilege had gone from the bone and a spongy surface had formed which grated and was gradually disintegrating. Doreen Paul's treatment involved "regenerating" the whole joint by reproducing the requisite mechanical actions, like a piece of mime — for example the spongy surface was "knocked" away, then a smoothing action adopted to reshape the bone, all this some inches away from the body.

"At that time she also manipulated my hip, which had become misaligned, and massaged my leg muyscles. I walked out perfectly normally with no pain," Barlow told me. Quickly, reading my mind, he said the manipulation was crucial. He was given exercises — the cross-legged lotus yoga position every day for half an hour.

Then came a new problem. "While my mobility remained, the pain had returned — a burning ache in the joint — and I couldn't sleep." As he spoke he picked up a small brown pebble from the shelf behind his set. "My aunt sent it," he said. "I strap it to my hip at night." He grinned. "Think what you like, but I sleep like a baby."

Poor form and fitness led to his omission from the side in July last year, but the rest obviously did him good. He was brought back for a NatWest game in August and "revived miraculously," as Wisden puts it — he plundered 158, a county record. But the strain of the innings took its toll. Playing continuously is a vicious circle: injuries may be aggravated, but there is no time for healing.

"No problem," Doreen Paul told him. "You heal yourself." Now I had to take notice.

"The process involved cleansing the joint initially, and then imitating Doreen's healing actions, recreating the sinovial fluid that is lacking," he explained. "I am able to open up the healing channels which originate from the solar plexus. My hands become usable when I feel a tingling in my fingers. Then I 'visualise' what has to be done — I 'see' the joint."

Daily treatment has eliminated the pain, and Barlow moves better than for years. The run of scores is a sign not only of physical well-being but of mental stability too. "What I have undergone is not faith healing," he said. "I call it spiritual

He started to throw his dirty kit into a bag, then suddenly stopped. We were room-mates for many years on Middlesex away trips, and understand each other well. "I think the lads reckon I've flipped, you know. But the proof's here, isn't it?" And he is right. It is.

SANDOWN

DRAW: High numbers best over 5f, particularly on soft ground
* DENOTES BLINKERS. GOING: Good to firm

6 15 Hamloul
6 45 Oberture
7 15 Woodfold (nb)
7 45 VAGUE SHOT (nap)
8 15 Joyful Dancer
8 45 Cindie Girl

6 15 — EBF SUPERSLOANE MAIDEN STAKES: 2-Y-O; 5f: £1,735 (8 runners).
1 (7) AD-DESSUS J. Winter 9-0 ...... B. Raymond
3 (2) 00 CLOUD CHASER P. Kelleway 9-0 L. Johnsey (7)
4 (1) FAATIK P. Walwyn 9-0 ...... J. Mercer
5 (9) HAMLOUL Thomson Jones 9-0 ...... A. Murray
7 (8) 0 MERDON MELODY R. Sheather 9-0 R. Cochrane
8 (6) RENO-TIP G. Harwood 9-0 ...... G. Starkey
9 (4) THE MECHANIC J. Sutcliffe 9-0 S. Cauthen
11 (3) ZULU KNIGHT M. Smyly 9-0 ...... Pat Eddery
14 (5) 0242 SNAP DECISION R. Hannon 8-11 A. McGlone
1984: Petrovich 9-0 A. McGlone 6-1 R. Hannon 8 ran.
Betting forecast: 9-4 Send-Up, 3 Snap Decision, 4 Faatik, 6 Hamloul, 8 Merdon Melody, 12 Ad-Dessus.

6 45 — HOORAY HENRY STAKES: 3-Y-O; 2m; £2,875 (4 runners).
3 (4) 20-3001 CADMIUM (C) P. Cole 8-10 ...... T. Quinn
5 (1) 1 OBERTURA (D) G. Harwood 8-7 ...... G. Starkey
8 (2) 4-0 GUIDON W. Hern 8-6 ...... W. Carson
9 (3) 00-0000 LUCKY PIN D. Hanley 8-6 ...... R. Fox
1984: (1m 6f) Besoeke 8-10 S. Cauthen 6-4 fav W. Hern 5 ran
Betting forecast: 8-11 Obertura, 2 Cadmium, 6 Guidon, 14 Lucky Pin.
TOP FORM TIPS: Oberture 9, Cadmium 7.

7 15 — KNIGHTSBRIDGE HANDICAP: 5f; £2,539 (8 runners).
1 (2) 0200-40 GLEN KELLA MANX (D) J. Fox 4-9-13 ...... R. Cochrane
2 (3) 024300 CREE BAY * (D) (BF) J. Spearing 6-9-11 ...... W. Carson
5 (6) 00-1001 BARNET HEIR (5lb ex) (D) Mrs N. Kinsell 7-9-7 ...... G. Starkey
6 (4) 3210-02 MRS DANVERS (D) (BF) W. Guest 3-9-2 ...... S. Cauthen
10 (7) 000-000 MY LOUIE (D) A. Ingham 4-8-10
12 (9) 000-000 MANILOW (C/D) G. Lewis 8-8-4 P. Waldron
13 (8) 14-0402 WOODFOLD (D) J. Winter 4-8-3 Pat Eddery
15 (1) 303004 DURANDAL (D) D. Wilson 8-7-9 T. Williams
16 (5) 020240 DORNEY A. Davison 5-7-9 ...... doubtful
1984: Alev 5-9-10 T. Ives 100-30 fav P. Mitchell 8 ran.
Betting forecast: 5-2 Barnet Heir, 3 Mrs Danvers, 4 Woodfold, 11-2 Cree Bay, 7 Manilow, 10 Glen Kella Manx.
TOP FORM TIPS: Barnet Heir 10, Woodfold 7, Mrs Danvers 6.

7 45 — CHAMPAGNE CHARLIE STAKES; 2-Y-O; 7f; £4,487 (9 runners).
3 (3) 31 DANCING ZETA (D) P. Kelleway 9-1 ...... Pat Eddery
4 (5) 1 GORGEOUS STRIKE (C/D) C. Nelson 9-1 ...... J. Mercer
5 (1) 3 LIAAM Thomson Jones 9-1 ...... A. Murray
6 (8) 00 CARDAVE M. McCormack 8-11 ...... R. Cochrane
7 (4) 4 FAMILY FRIEND (BF) W. Hern 8-11 ...... W. Carson
9 (7) 0 HEAD OF SCHOOL J. Winter 8-11 B. Raymond
12 (9) 00 KHAMSIN RED R. Hannon 8-11 A. McGlone
13 (2) MATELOT ROYALE A. Davison 8-11 ... J. Reid

8 15 — HARPERS & QUEEN HANDICAP; 1m; £2,561 (6 runners).
1 (6) 003000 WIKI WIKI WHEELS R. Sheather 5-9-10 ...... Pat Eddery
2 (1) 0-20040 JOYFUL DANCER * (C/D) (BF) P. Cole 5-9-2 ...... T. Quinn
5 (2) 014010 MOONDAWN (4lb ex) M. Usher 4-8-8 ...... R. Cochrane
6 (3) 000000 HIT THE HEIGHTS J. Holt 4-8-7 P. Waldron
7 (5) 020132 TOM FORRESTER (C/D) (BF) A. Pitt ...... W. Carson
9 (4) 000230 VIRGIN ISLE P. Haslam 4-8-3 G. Duffield
1984: (1m 3f 100yds) Quickstep 3-8-7 P. Robinson 7-2 C. Brittain 4 ran.
Betting forecast: 9-4 Tom Forrester, 3 Joyful Dancer, 4 Moondawn, 6 Wiki Wiki Wheels, 10 Virgin Isle.
TOP FORM TIPS: Tom Forrester 9, Wiki Wiki Wheels 7.

8 45 — OKAY YAH HANDICAP; 3-Y-O; 1m 3f 100yds; £2,460 (15 runners).
1 (12) 00103 STATELY FORM J. Tree 9-7 ...... Pat Eddery
2 (1) 030-10 MOON PARADE J. Dunlop 9-5 ...... B. Raymond
3 (2) 3213-4 CORSTON SPRINGS J. Winter 9-4 P. Waldron
6 (15) 042301 PEGGY CAROLYN (4lb ex) M. Ryan 9-3 ...... P. Robinson
7 (14) 042132 WINTER PALACE (C) W. Guest 9-1 S. Cauthen
8 (11) 00-000 HIGH FOREST W. Hern 9-0 ...... W. Carson
11 (13) 00-4340 BUSTER JO G. Wragg 8-12 ...... J. Reid
14 (8) 000-002 CINDIE GIRL M. Blanshard 8-7 ...... B. Rouse
15 (6) 020-4 HOUSTON BELLE P. Haslam 8-6 G. Duffield
17 (7) 1-00000 HOLYPORT VICTORY M. Usher 8-5 M. Wigham
18 (3) 0000-01 VERY SPECIAL W. Holden 8-4 R. Morse (7)
21 (9) 0000- SARAOSA C. Wildman 8-2 ...... T. Quinn
26 (5) 00-0033 HYMKIN (BF) J. Bethell 7-11 S. Dawson (3)
27 (4) 0-00000 CELTIC IMAGE C. Benstead 7-8 T. Williams
28 (10) 0-30000 TRIKKALA STAR R. Voorspuy 7-7 R. Fox
1984: No corresponding race.
Betting forecast: 9-2 Peggy Carolyn 5 Winter Palace, 11-2 Stately Form, 6 Cindie Girl, 10 Moon Parade.
TOP FORM TIPS: Winter Palace 8, Cindie Girl 7, Peggy Carolyn

RICHARD BAERLEIN'S REPORT FROM KEENELAND IS ON PAGE 26. Today's Nap: LILY FOGG (2.0 Catterick). Next best: DARING WAY (3.45 Yarmouth).

YARMOUTH

DRAW: HIGH numbers have a slight advantage up to 1m
* — DENOTES BLINKERS. GOING: Good to firm

2 15 Lucayan Princess
2 45 Young Lucy
3 15 Bara Sidy
3 45 Daring Way
4 15 Five Farthings
4 45 Crown Counsel

2 15 — EBF COTMAN MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES: 2-Y-O: 7f: £1,298 (13 runners).
1 (8) 0000 ANGEL DRUMMER A. Ingham 8-11 M. Hills
3 (12) 0 CLAP YOUR HANDS G. Huffer 8-11 P. Robinson
6 (2) FORM WELL P. Kelleway 8-11 Gay Kelleway (5)
7 (13) 0 IVOR'S IMAGE M. Stoute 8-11 W. R. Swinburn
8 (1) LUCAYAN PRINCESS H. Cecil 8-11 S. Cauthen
10 (4) MOODYBINT F. Durr 8-11 ...... G. Baxter
12 (7) SAY SOMETHING J. Winter 8-11 G. Duffield
13 (3) 0 TAMANA DANCER F. Durr 8-11 W. Woods (5)
14 (5) 0 TEXITA E. Eldin 8-11 ...... M. Thomas
15 (6) 0 THE PINK SISTERS A. Bailey 8-11 A. Bond
16 (7) 002003 TOROS QUEEN M. Chapman 8-11 D. Dinley
17 (10) TRALTHEE L. Cumani 8-11 ...... R. Guest
18 (11) 0 VICTORIA FALLS R. J. Williams 8-11 R. Hills
1984: Glide By 8-11 W. R. Swinburn 7-4 R. Boss 8 ran.
Betting forecast: 6-4 Lucayan Princess, 2 Ivor's Image, 4 Tralthee, 6 Victoria Falls, Toros Queen, 10 Clap Your Hands, Angel Drummer.
TOP FORM TIPS: Ivor's Image 8, Toros Queen 7, Angel Drummer 6.

2 45 — DAWSON TURNER SELLING STAKES: 2-Y-O: 5f 25yds; £838 (8 runners).
2 (4) 0000 CHEPSTOWED * C. Spares 8-11 ...... N. Day
4 (6) 003 PERCIPIO K. Ivory 8-11 ...... S. Dawson (3)
5 (7) 300 COY PRINCESS M. Hinchliffe 8-8 R. Lines (3)
7 (8) 00 JILLY'S BAZAAR R. Stevens 8-8 P. Bloomfield
8 (5) 000 MISS TAUFAN R. Brittain 8-8 ...... G. Baxter
9 (1) 020030 POSITIVE APPROACH N. Tinkler 8-8 P. Robinson
12 (3) 000 SOLENT DAWN P. Brookshaw 8-8 G. Duffield
13 (2) 03 YOUNG LUCY P. Kelleway 8-8 Gay Kelleway (5)
1984: Nigels Girl 8-8 L. Piggott 1-2 fav P. Haslam, 7 ran.
Betting forecast: 3 Positive Approach, 4 Percipio, 5 Solent Dawn, Young Lucy, 6 Chepstowed, 10 Coy Princess.
TOP FORM TIPS: Positive Approach 8, Percipio 7, Young Lucy 6.

3 15 — FREDDIE STARR HANDICAP: 11m: £2,190 (10 runners).
2 (9) 210-002 BARA SIDY (D) G. Huffer 4-9-10 R. Carter (7)
6 (5) 0-02000 PUBBY * J. Toller 4-8-13 ...... S. Cauthen
7 (6) 0000-0 SOLTAN ZAMAN G. Huffer 4-8-12 M. Rimmer
10 (7) 0-03143 DONAVAN'S CHOICE M. Ryan 3-8-7 ...... P. Robinson
11 (3) 0300 BUY G'S J. Winter 3-8-7 ...... G. Duffield
13 (8) 000000 LADY LIZA B. Stevens 4-8-4 ... P. Bloomfield
14 (4) 0-00004 PROMOPTIA BRIDE (C) D. Dale 4-9-3 ...... R. Sikes (3)
15 (1) 300000 NORFOLKFLIGHT * M. Tompkins 8-8-3 ...... W. Woods (5)
17 (2) 000-00 SHARP STAR C. Blum 7-7-8 ...... M. Thomas
18 (10) 0-00000 RUSHY BAY * M. Chapman 11-7-8 ...... J. Carter (7)
1984: Hainsbury, 4-10-0, M. Miller, 11-10 fav, G. Huffer 7 ran.
Betting forecast: 9-4 Donavan's Choice, 7-2 Bara Sidy, 4 Pubby, 6 Promoptia Bride, 8 Soltan Zaman, 12 Buy G's.
TOP FORM TIPS: Donavan's Choice 8, Bara Sidy 7, Pubby 6.

3 45 — APPLEGATE FILLIES HANDICAP: 3-Y-O; 1m (straight): £2,431 (5 runners).
1 (5) 221-203 RAABIHAH Thomson Jones 9-7 ...... R. Hills
2 (2) 10020-0 FOR CERTAIN E. Eldin 9-4 ...... P. Robinson
4 (1) 3-00013 DARING WAY * (BF) M. Stoute 8-9 ...... K. Bradshaw (5)
5 (3) 020-001 PEPEKE G. P-Gordon 8-7 ...... G. Duffield
6 (4) 023043 SECRET VALENTINE * M. Ryan 7-8 ...... G. Carter (5)
1984: Dust Conqueror, 7-13, M. Thomas, 7-1, R. Armstrong, 5 ran.
Betting forecast: 9-4 Daring Way, 11-4 Pepeke, 7-2 Raabihah.
TOP FORM TIPS: Daring Way 8, Pepeke 7.

4 15 — CROME MAIDEN STAKES: 3-Y-O; 1¼m; £960 (6 runners).
1 (5) 04-300 ICKWORTH F. Durr 9-0 ...... G. Baxter
2 (1) 0 IMPERIAL CASTLE * A. Stewart 9-0 ...... M. Banner
5 (3) 02 FIVE FARTHINGS M. Stoute 8-11 W. Swinburn
8 (4) 0-0 LUNAR ROMANCE C. Brittain 8-11 P. Robinson
10 (6) OAKGROVE P. Haslam 8-11 ...... G. Duffield
11 (2) 0002 REVISIT J. Winter 8-11 ...... S. Cauthen
1984: Master Lad, 9-0, M. Miller, 20-1, G. Huffer, 5 ran
Betting forecast: 4-5 Five Farthings, 11-4 Revisit, 5 Ickworth, 10 Imperial Castle.
TOP FORM TIPS: Five Farthings 9, Revisit 7.

4 45 — VINCENT HANDICAP; 7f (Straight): £1,805 (16 runners).
1 (7) 000300 MEL'S CHOICE (D) M. Brittain 7-9-10 ...... A. Bacon (7)
3 (12) 000000 PHEON G. Huffer 3-9-5 ...... G. Carter (5)
5 (16) 104-00 AL MUWAIBI * Thomson Jones 3-9-1 R. Hills
6 (10) 00-0024 SNAKE RIVER P. Haslam 5-8-11 G. Duffield
7 (5) 0/00002 TROOPER SERGEANT (C) (D) G. Huffer 6-8-10 ...... M. Rimmer
8 (9) 010-003 CROWN COUNSEL (C/D) P. Felden 6-8-9 ...... W. Swinburn
10 (15) 000-000 DUT OF HAND (C) (D) D. Dale 6-8-7
12 (8) 000-00 TARQUINIUS A. Hide 4-8-2 ...... G. Baxter
13 (1) 00/34-4 WESTWAY LAD M. Hinchcliffe 6-8-2 ...... M. Hills
14 (3) 00002 JUNE MAID M. Ryan 3-8-0 ...... R. Lines (3)
15 (4) 020020 TAYLORS RENOVATION (C/D) D. Leslie 3-8-0 ...... P. Robinson
16 (6) 0-000 IDEOLIGIA A. Hide 3-7-12 ...... S. Dawson (3)
17 (14) 000-000 HIGHLY TUNED * G. Blum 5-7-12 M. Thomas
18 (13) 000001 BALKAN (C) J. Harris 5-7-10 ...... A. Proud
19 (2) 020000 ABLE MAYBOB E. Gaines 3-7-9 C. Rutter (5)
20 (11) 004002 WITH A LOT * M. Chapman 4-7-8 ...... J. Carter (7)
1984: Aconitum 3-9-7 D. McHargue 3-1 fav L. Cumani 9 ran.
Betting forecast: 4 Crown Counsel, 5 Trooper Sergeant, 6 Snake River, Al Muwaibi, 7 June Maid, 10 Mel's Choice, Balkan.
TOP FORM TIPS: Trooper Sergeant 8, Balkan 7, Crown Counsel 6

Cauthen—91 days to get 91 wins

RACING

Harry Heymer

John Dunlop, who is in Keeneland, Kentucky for the Select Sales, will be pleased to hear that Wallah Wassl won at Fokestone yesterday in the colours of Sheikh Ahmed Al-Maktoum, youngest of the brothers from Dubai.

Sheikh Ahmed was given a colt by his brothers to cultivate his interest in racing, namely Wassl, who went on to win the Irish 2,000 Guineas. Yesterday's winner may not be in that class but he could win again.

Brian Rouse held a nice position throughout on Wallah Wassl, tracking Gay Kelleway on Cape Town Girl until reaching the home straight where he sent his mount on and then held off the strong challenge of Master Francis.

The favourite, Salloom, trained by Guy Harwood, who is also in Kentucky, was most disappointing, finishing sixth, but the trainer had better luck later on when Alegreman won the Shaddoxhurst Handicap.

Steve Cauthen took his total to 109 with a win on Silently Yours but did not have any luck on Graceful Kicker, trained by his great friend John Edwards. The four-year-old started favourite but it was soon evident early in the straight that the combination would not succeed. Cauthen now needs 91 winners to reach his target of 200 in exactly the same number of racing days.

The race was won by Captain Webster, ridden by Paul Cook and trained by Syd Woodman, his first winner of the season from just a handful of flat racers. The trainer says that Captain Webster is a super hurdler and he will be back the small obstacles as soon as the ground gets soft.

I am hoping that Cauthen gets at least one nearer his target today when he partners **Vague Shot** (7.45) in the Champagne Charlie Stakes at Sandown. Vague Shot was outclassed last time out, running in a Group 3 race at Newmarket, but he still showed up well for nearly five furlongs, finally finishing sixth, just over five and a half lengths behind the winner, Green Desert.

Before that at Brighton he failed by only half a length to catch hard ridden Rhyming Cockney. He ran on strongly that day over six furlongs and today's extra trip could be to his liking.

Another one I like on this evening card is **Woodfold** (7.15) in the Knightsbridge Handicap over the minimum distance. Over the course and distance last time out she burst through to take the lead in the final furlong and looked all over the winner until All Agreed came storming along in the last few strides to beat her a short head. She is virtually a winner without a penalty and on that showing should be capable of beating Barnet Heir, Cree Bay and My Louie here.

Best bet at Catterick would appear to be **Lily Fogg** (2.0), while at Yarmouth the Michael Stoute pair **Daring Way** (3.45) and **Five Farthings** (4.15) look likely winners.

CATTERICK

DRAW: LOW numbers best up to 7f
* — DENOTES BLINKERS. GOING: Firm

2 00 Lily Fogg
2 30 Lucky Starkist
3 00 Tromeros
3 30 Colway Comet
4 00 Bollin Palace
4 30 Mariella

2 0 — BRADFORD MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES; 2-Y-O; 5f: £684 (18 runners).
1 (19) 00 ANNA NIKO W. Mackie 8-11 ...... N. Carlisle
2 (17) 0 BREAKFAST IN BED W. Haigh 8-11 ...... T. Ives
5 (12) 242 GUTSY (BF) K. Stone 8-11 ...... K. Darley
8 (9) 3 HOBOURNES KATIE R. Hollinshead 8-11 S. Perks
9 (16) 000430 LEFT RIGHT * Mrs N. Macauley 8-11 ...... Paul Eddery
10 (3) 2 LILY FOGG T. Barron 8-11 ...... S. Webster
11 (5) MABEL ALICE P. Felgate 8-11 M. Hindley (5)
12 (13) 00240 MENEGHINI ROSE (BF) M. W. Easterby 8-11 ...... D. Nicholls
13 (10) MESSY MISSY G. M. Moore 8-11 ...... J. Callaghan (7)
14 (15) 03 MUDISHA G. Huffer 8-11 ...... K. Hodgson
15 (6) 0 MYRA'S SPECIAL J. Sutcliffe 8-11 S. Whitworth
16 (11) PETILLER W. G. Watts 8-11 ...... N. Connorton
17 (8) PINTURICCHIA E. Incisa 8-11 ...... D. Gray
19 (14) 0030 RAPID STAR G. Harman 8-11 ...... Doubtful
22 (1) 4030 RUNNING RAINBOW M. Brittain 8-11 B. Coogan
24 (18) 23403 SUPREME KINGDOM P. Brookshaw 8-11 W. Ryan
26 (4) TOWN OF ENNIS Ron Thompson 8-11 S. Keightley
27 (7) TYRANNISE B. McMahon 8-11 ...... A. Mackay
28 (2) 0 VITAL STEP T. Fairhurst 8-11 ...... C. Coates (5)
Betting forecast: 5-2 Mudisha, 7-2 Lily Fogg, 5 Myra's Special, 7 Supreme Kingdom, Gutsy, Meneghini Rose, 10 Hobourne's Katie.
TOP FORM TIPS: Lily Fogg 8, Meneghini Rose 7, Mudisha 6.

2 30 — LEEDS SELLING HANDICAP: 3-Y-O; 5f; £989 (14 runners).
1 (1) 001100- MR PANACHE (C/D) M. Camacho 9-7 ...... N. Connorton
2 (10) 1200-20 CAERNARVON BOY (BF) R. Hollinshead 9-3 ...... S. Perks
4 (6) 000200 LUCKY STARKIST Ron Thompson 9-1 ...... S. Keightley
5 (2) 0-00040 CINDY'S GOLD * J. Etherington 8-8 M. Birch
6 (14) 0-10000 JOHN GILPIN * R. Stubbs 8-7 D. Nicholls
7 (4) 00-0000 ERNIES CHOICE * B. McMahon 8-7 T. Ives
8 (13) 4-00000 MARK SLANEY G. Calvert 8-4 L. Charnock
9 (9) 00-0000 WARTHILL LADY M. Brittain 8-4 B. Coogan
10 (5) 0-44042 CARTOON * Mrs N. Macauley 8-3 Paul Eddery
11 (11) 00-0000 AILSA PEARL G. Harman 8-1 ...... M. Beecroft
13 (12) 0000-00 SOONER C. Gray 7-10 ...... N. Carlisle
14 (3) 04000- DARCY FARROW D. Chapman 7-10 ...... S. Griffiths (5)
16 (7) 000 EASY PAL Mrs Jones 7-9 ...... K. Darley
17 (8) 000-000 PATSY'S TAXI * K. Brassey 7-9 ...... A. McKay
Betting forecast: 7-2 Cindy's Gold, 4 Caernarvon Boy, 9-2 Cartoon, 7 Warthill Lady, 8 Mr Panache, 10 John Gilpin.
TOP FORM TIPS: Caernarvon Boy 9, Cartoon 7, Cindy's Gold 6.

3 0 — WAKES OF CATTERICK HANDICAP: 1m 5f 180yds; £1,394 (14 runners).
3 (6) 30-0031 MARLION (3lb ex) (C) Miss S. Hall 4-9-10 ...... E. Guest (5)
5 (7) 322040 RED DUSTER (C) T. Fairhurst 5-9-2 M. Birch
7 (8) 00-314 VALADON (C) B. Hills 3-9-2 ...... E. Hide
8 (9) 300134 WANDERING WALTER (C/D) B. Morgan 3-9-1 ...... R. Adams (7)
10 (4) 44000-0 HIGHAM GREY D. Chapman 9-8-12 D. Nicholls
12 (14) 304042 TROMEROS Denys Smith 4-8-12 ...... T. Ives
14 (2) 203000- STERLING VIRTUE B. McMahon 4-8-5 ...... A. Mackay
15 (10) 243024 TINOCO R. Hollinshead 5-8-5 ...... W. Ryan
16 (12) 201-000 HOT BETTY Ron Thompson 5-8-5 S. Keightley
17 (1) 3000 RIVER LUNE K. Stone 4-8-4 ...... J. Lowe
18 (11) 000-000 ROVIGO W. A. Stephenson 4-8-4 ...... S. Webster
20 (3) 3440-04 WRIT J. W. Watts 3-8-1 ...... L. Charnock
21 (5) 0-04302 CAPAGENIE R. Whitaker 3-8-1 ...... N. Carlisle
23 (13) 000040 HYDRANGEA D. Chapman 6-7-11 S. Griffiths (5)
Betting forecast: 11-4 Marlion, 4 Wandering Walter, 6 Tromeros Capagenie, 8 Valadon, 10 Red Duster, 12 Tinoco, Writ.
TOP FORM TIPS: Marlion 8, Wandering Walter 7, Valadon 6.

3 30 — HUDDERSFIELD STAKES; 2-Y-O; 7f; £1,301 (3 runners).
1 (3) 021 CHARTINO (D) G. Huffer 9-4 ...... K. Hodgson
2 (1) 4313 COLWAY COMET J. W. Watts 9-4 ...... T. Ives
8 (2) 00 DOON VENTURE J. Etherington 8-11 M. Wood
Betting forecast: 4-5 Colway Comet, 6-4 Chartino, 12 Doon Venture.
TOP FORM TIPS: Colway Comet 9, Chartino 7.

4 0 — WAKEFIELD HANDICAP; 3-Y-O; 1¼m 40yds; £1,297 (8 runners).
3 (1) 001330 TRESIDDER (C/D) M. W. Easterby 9-7 ...... K. Hodgson
4 (7) 31-0240 LOVER COVER S. Norton 9-7 ...... J. Lowe
6 (5) 004010 NO LIMIT R. Hollinshead 9-6 ...... W. Ryan
8 (2) 0-03221 BOLLIN PALACE (4lb ex) (C) M. H. Easterby 9-1 ...... M. Birch
9 (8) 0-00 EXALTED DAWN A. Stewart 9-0 R. Carter (7)
10 (3) 33-2424 SKERNE SPARK (BF) M. Camacho 9-0 ...... N. Connorton
12 (4) 002000 SOUND DIFFUSION R. Whitaker 8-11 S. Perks
16 (6) 00-00 PEACE TERMS Miss S. Hall 8-0 E. Johnson
Betting forecast: 11-8 Bollin Palace, 7-2 Skerne Spark, 11-2 Tresidder 7 No Limit, Sound Diffusion, 10 Lover Cover.
TOP FORM TIPS: Bollin Palace 9, No Limit 7, Skerne Spark 6.

4 30 — DEWSBURY MAIDEN STAKES: 1¼m 40yds: £936 (18 runners).
1 (3) 00-00 ATKINSONS R Hollinshead 4-9-7 ... S. Perks
3 (10) 00 COOL STRIKE D. Moorhead 4-9-7 ... J. Lowe
5 (17) 003003 MOUNT RULE * D. Yeoman 5-9-7 ...... ——
7 (4) 0- ROYAL REPRIEVE B. Morgan 7-9-7 ...... R. Adams (7)
12 (16) 0000/0 LENTON PALACE O. Brennan 5-9-4 ...... M. Brennan (7)
14 (8) 000000/ RAGTIME BLUES A. Potts 5-9-4 ...... D. Gray
15 (6) 00- RELJKON W. Pearce 4-9-4 ...... S. Keightley
16 (14) 00 TELECONGOLD M. W. Easterby 4-9-4 ...... M. Hindley (5)
17 (13) 04-2 BARONCOURT (BF) H. Cecil 3-8-8 Paul Eddery
18 (7) BOMB HOAX T. Barron 3-8-8 ...... S. Webster
22 (18) 0000- KNITWIT W. Mackie 3-8-8 ...... N. Carlisle
23 (12) STARWOOD J. FitzGerald 3-8-8 R. Brown (7)
25 (5) 0 AIRPORT C. Thornton 3-8-5 ...... J. Bleasdale
28 (2) 020-433 CROCKED HAT SUPREME Miss S. Hall 3-8-5 ...... E. Johnson
29 (11) 0-0 GEM MART B. Hills 3-8-5 ...... B. Thomson
33 (15) 0 INTOXICATION B. Hills 3-8-5 ...... Doubtful
34 (1) 0-00 LLANTILLY * J. W. Watts 3-8-5 ...... T. Ives
35 (9) 0-3 MARIELLA L. Cumani 3-8-5 ...... P. Hamblett
40 (19) 422 VARIETY ACT (BF) M. Stoute 3-8-5 M. Birch
Betting forecast: 7-4 Baroncourt, 9-4 Variety Act, 5 Mariella, 8 Cocked Hat Supreme, 12 Llantilly, Atkinsons.
TOP FORM TIPS: Baroncourt 9, Variety Act 7, Cocked Hat Supreme 6.

RESULTS

FOLKESTONE

2.00 (1¼m): 1, WALLAH WASSL, B. Rouse (11-2); 2, Master Francis (7-2); 3, Cape Town Girl (12-1). Also: 10-11 fav Salloom 6th, 16 Eurolink Fireball, 20 Sunset Reef 5th, 50 Presidential 4th, Tremar Lad, Court Jewel, Miss Magnetism, Tawny Tempiress (11 ran). 4l, 2, 4. 2, 7. (J. Dunlop). Tote: £5.30; £1.40, £1.40, £1.70. Dual F: £7.90. CSF: £23.33.

2.30 (2m 100yds): 1, CAPTAIN WEBSTER, P. Cook (6-1); 2, Taxiade (8-1); 3, Be My Wings (7-1); 4, Milton Burn (9-1). Also: 11-4 fav Graceful Kicker 5th, 10 Neralda, 12 Misfire, Super Nel, 14 Hall's Prince, 20 Abeshahnu, 25 Lady Seville, 33 Tudor Singer, Friday Street, Admiral Grenville, Zircon's Sun 6th, Piripiri (16 ran). 3l, 2, 2, 1½, 1 (S. Woodman). Tote: £5.80; £1.60, £2.70, £1.10, £2.10. Dual F: £27.90. CSF: £50.51. Tricast: £311.63.

3.00 (5f): 1, SILENTLY YOURS S. Cauthen (5-6 fav); 2, Newfangled Times (15-8); 3, Bold Bush (12-1). Also: 10 See Shanty 4th, 66 Stadia Publicity (5 ran) 1l, 1, 2, 10. (J. Sutcliffe). Tote: £1.90; £1.10, £1.60. Dual F: £2.00. CSF: £2.56.

3.30 (6f): 1, TUYUM M. Banner (7-4 fav); 2, Vive La Difference (15-8); 3, Before Zero (33-1). Also: 6 Panne Velvet 4th, 7 Klosterbrau 5th, 8 Ok Hall, 25 Music Review, 33 Arctic Ken, Kansas, Problem Child, Flitter Flutter, Patchouli's Pet 6th & Saggwanna (13 ran). Hd, 3l, 2l, 2, nk. (A. Stewart). Tote: £3.30; £1.70, £1.80, £12.80. Dual F: £5.70. CSF: £5.72.

4.00 (6f): 1, ALICE HILL, J. Adams (5-1); 2, William Girl (11-4 fav); 3, Dancing Fille (3-1). Also: 7-2 Persian Bazaar 5th, 11-2 Parkies Bar, 10 Miss Natalie 4th (6 ran). Nk, 1l, nk, sh hd, 30 (A. Ingham). Tote: £6.40; £2.20, £1.80. Dual F: £7.10. CSF: £18.26.

4.30 (1¼m): 1, ALEGREMAN, G. Starkey (5-2 fav); 2, Profit Warrant (6-1); 3, Trumps (8-1). Also: 3 Dashing Light 6th, 7 King of Speed 5th, 9 New Barnet, 16 Dundy, Billion Bay, Susan's Sunset, 20 Tana Mist, 33 Pizzard 4th, Wessum 50 Anniclons Star, Mr. Carnicales 14 ran). 1½, 1½, 1½, 1, 3. (G. Harwood). Tote: £3.10; £2.10, £1.90, £3.00. Dual F: £20.40. CSF: £19.13. Tricast: £104.79. Placepot: £15.30.

PONTEFRACT

2.15 (6f): 1, RA RA GIRL, A. Whitehall (5-2); 2, Ayrshire Lass (7-4 fav); 3, Flosset Floreat (12-1). Also: 5 Pretty Nicky 5th, 8 Bright Path, 14 Hilmay 4th, 16 My Sweet Melody 6th, 20 Dohnal Deus, 25 Gina's Match (9 ran). 2l, 4, ½, 3, 4 (B. McMahon). Tote: £3.40; £1.10, £1.10, £2.20. Dual F: £3.00. CSF: £7.39.

2.45 (1¼m): 1, DIAGLYPHARD, W. Swinburn (5-4 fav); 2, Sharooq (13-2); 3, Boyria Baby (50-1). Also: 7-2 Rusty Law 5th, Tour d'Or 6th, 20 Double Benz, 50 Bee's Way, 100 Crowfoots Couture 4th (8 ran). Hd, 8l, 12, 3, 2½ (M. Stoute). Tote: £1.90; £1.20, £1.20, £5.50. Dual F: £4.90. CSF: £9.09.

3.15 (1m): 1, JAY-ZEE BOY Pat Eddery (11-2 fav); 2, Archimboldo (13-2); 3, Citrus (25-1); 4, Quality Chorister (20-1). Also: 6 Unit Tent, 8 Northern Prospect, 10 Magic Mushroom, My Myra, 12 Mangala's Pride, Hopeful Waters 5th, 16 Fair Mariner, Royaber, 20 Gibbon, Empire Sands, 25 Tarlstone 6th, Northgate Lady, Boho, La Di Da, Lucky Choice, Balgownie, Mill House Lady, Wensum Lass, Border Spoil, (23 ran). Nk, 3l, 1, 1½, ½ (N. Callaghan). Tote: £4.50; £1.10, £2.40, £16.20, £6.10. Dual F: £9.20. CSF: £39.57. Tricast: £746.68.

3.45 (5f): 1, PIANO MAN R. Hills (8-1); 2, Bay Bazaar (6-1); 3, Belle Warina (5-2 fav). Also: 7-2 Kari's Pal 4th, 7 Hi-Tech Leader, 8 Hi-Hunsley 5th, 10 Albarq, Boarding House 6th, I'm Formidable, 25 Guest Image (10 ran). 2l, 1½, ¾, nk, 2 (R. Brassey). Tote: £6.20; £1.70, £2.10, £1.80. Dual F: £34.30. CSF: £56.51. Tricast: £146.29.

4.15 (1¼m): 1, BIRAS CREEK, Pat Eddery (9-1); 2, Loch Laddie (25-1); 3, All Is Revealed (13-2). Also: 100-30 Fav. Walter The Great, 7-2 Get Away 6th, 13-2 Reef Fire 5th, 9 Pyrotechnic 4th, 14 Hens Grove, Saizano, 16 Just Jones, 25 National Dress, Alcazam, Eliadco (13 ran). 3l, ½, ¾, 3, ½ (J. Tree). Tote: £7.80; £1.70, £6.20, £2.40. Dual F: £56.40. CSF: £187.67. Tricast: £1,399.91.

4.45 (1m): 1, COMMANDING GENERAL, B. Raymond (7-1); 2, Follow The Band (8-1); 3, Desert Straw (9-2). Also: 4 fav Juddmonte 5th, 7 Copper Express, 8 Busca, 9 Gillanbone, 10 Leap Year, 14 Crown Estate 4th, Tug Along, 20 Long Bay 6th, 25 Country'n Western, Princess Jenny (13 ran). 1½l, 3, 6, 2½, 1 (M. Jarvis). Tote: £9.20; £2.80, £2.00, £1.70. Dual F: £28.20. CSF: £61.56.

5.15 (5f): 1, HALLGATE, K. Hodgson (9-2); 2, Young Puggy (11-1); 3, Crete Cargo (7-2). Also: 7-4 fav Swift's Pal 5th, 4 The Hitcote Chib 6th, 16 Darkston Dancer 4th, 50 The Huyton Victory (7 ran). 1l, 3, sh hd, hd 5 (Miss S. Hall). Tote: £5.20; £3.70, £2.90. Dual F: £26.40. CSF: £42.76.
Placepot: £55.55.

SQUASH RACKETS

Richard Eaton

Jahangir eyes an opening

JAHANGIR KHAN will next season become the only player to wear eyeguards in professional squash, after signing a contract with the company Imperial Optical Canada. Although the 21-year-old world champion is being paid for what he is doing there is no doubt he sincerely believes that playing without eyeguards involves an element of risk.

Not only does he believe that the Squash Rackets Association should recommend eyeguards to all players but also that the SRA should follow the example of their Canadian counterparts — who have made them obligatory for juniors.

Indeed, the Pakistani's initiative might even lead to a revolution in appearances and attitudes in the game on this side of the Atlantic.

Jahangir's views support those in a survey in the British Medical Journal three seasons ago. This pointed out that although eye injuries are rare, serious eye injuries are twice as prevalent in squash as any similar bat and ball game.

One of the gruesome reasons for this is that a squash ball almost exactly fits the eye socket — and both ball and racket can travel at speeds between 90 and 120 mph.

Jahangir is not quite the first leading professional to wear eye protection in competitive play. Roland Watson, the South African No 1, wore a visor in the World Masters' at Wembley five years ago but found it restricted his vision. This perhaps, has been part of the SRA's problem. Till now eyeguards have been regarded as less than completely satisfactory.

But Jahangir has already used his — made of plastic, shaped like cyclists' goggles, and retailing at about £15 — in the North American hard ball game. Since he is also world champion at that version of squash there should be few criticisms that his eyeguards seriously inhibit his play.



JAHANGIR: taking guard

TENNIS

Noah's form floods back

Yannick Noah, looking fully recovered from a sequence of injuries which have troubled him for two years, defeated Martin Jaite of Argentina 6-4, 6-3 yesterday to win the Washington Classic.

"I had started to think I couldn't win," said the Frenchman, who beat Jimmy Connors in the semi-finals and earlier this year won the Italian Open. "Now I know I can win again and play the way I used to."

The turning point in yesterday's final came when Jaite, leading 4-2 in the first set, sportingly objected that a Noah shot ruled wide had actually landed on the line. Jaite lost the replayed point and the next four games.

Two of the seeded women, Americans Lisa Bonder Kriek, Terry Phelps, made early exits at the US Clay Court Championships in Indianapolis, where the men's tournament today will see Boris Becker in action for the first time since his Wimbledon triumph.

The West German, seeded No 3 behind Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia and Andres Gomez of Ecuador, the holder, will play the unseeded Michael Pernfors of Sweden.

Workers to walk out over plan for dockyards

By David Simpson, Business Correspondent

The Royal Dockyards at Devonport and Rosyth will come to a standstill today when their 20,000 workers walk out in protest at the Government's plans to privatise their management.

The Defence Secretary, Mr Michael Heseltine, told the Commons yesterday that he is to contract out the management despite the misgivings of *two all-party Commons committees*.

The change from April 1, 1987, is expected to save at least £12 million a year, rising to as much as £33 million a year after a decade, Mr Heseltine told MPs. The yards undertake £400 million worth of refit and maintenance work for the Royal Navy each year. Before the reforming is introduced, 2,400 jobs are to be cut from the workforces at the yards, mainly Devonport.

Dr David Owen, leader of the Social Democratic Party and MP for Devonport, failed in an attempt for an emergency debate on the proposal and accused the Defence Secretary of ignoring the views of the Commons public accounts committee.

"Their reports cannot be lightly brushed aside," said Dr Owen. "Many people's livelihoods are at stake. But above all else it is raising the question of whether the Royal Navy will, under these provisions, be as adequately and well served as it has been in the past."

Dr Owen and the Liberal leader, Mr David Steel, pledged at a meeting with dockyard union representatives that an Alliance government would restore the managements to the public sector, a promise which Labour has already made.

Devonport's 13,000 industrial and non-industrial workers are to walk out of the plant at 10 a.m. and the 6,300 employees at Rosyth, which will carry out all maintenance work on Britain's Trident nuclear submarine fleet, are to strike for 24 hours.

The convener of the defence industrial unions Mr Jack Dromey, described Mr Heseltine's decision as an "act of supreme arrogance." The unions would concentrate on lobbying Conservative MPs, including many in the West *Country whose seats could* be jeopardised by local opposition.

He said that they would also refuse to co-operate with the dockyard managements over redundancy plans.

Mr Heseltine said that companies showing interest in the proposals included Babcocks, Balfour Beatty, Costain, Plessey, STC, Trafalgar House and the Weir Group.

Police continue search for yacht which left before bombing

Couple to appear in court today on Greenpeace murder charge

From Ian Templeton in Wellington

Police investigating the bombing of the Greenpeace ship Rainbow Warrior in Auckland charged a man and women yesterday with murdering a crew members Mr Fernando Pereira.

The couple, who have been held in custody for nearly 10 days on passport charges, will appear in an Auckland court today.

Police have refused them bail while investigations into the bombing continued. The nationality of the man and woman has yet to be established. They were travelling under Swiss passports in the names of Alain Jaques Turenge and Sophie Fredetique Claire Payot Turenge.

Police found some early leads in the case which convinced them that the bombing had been carefully planned by a group with powerful financial backing. At the same time, they ruled out any foreign government involvement.

Government sources in Wellington said last night that there could be some remarkable disclosures in the court hearings and the case could become a platform for political statements. Newspapers here have speculated that those behind the bombing could be linked with French rightwing groups in New Caledonia.

Detectives working on the case since July 10 have amassed a great deal of evidence about a dinghy, an outboard motor recovered from Auckland harbour, and a rental camper van.

It is understood that the police are still making inquiries into the activities of at lest one crew member of the French yacht Ouvea, which sailed from New Zealand shortly after the bombing.

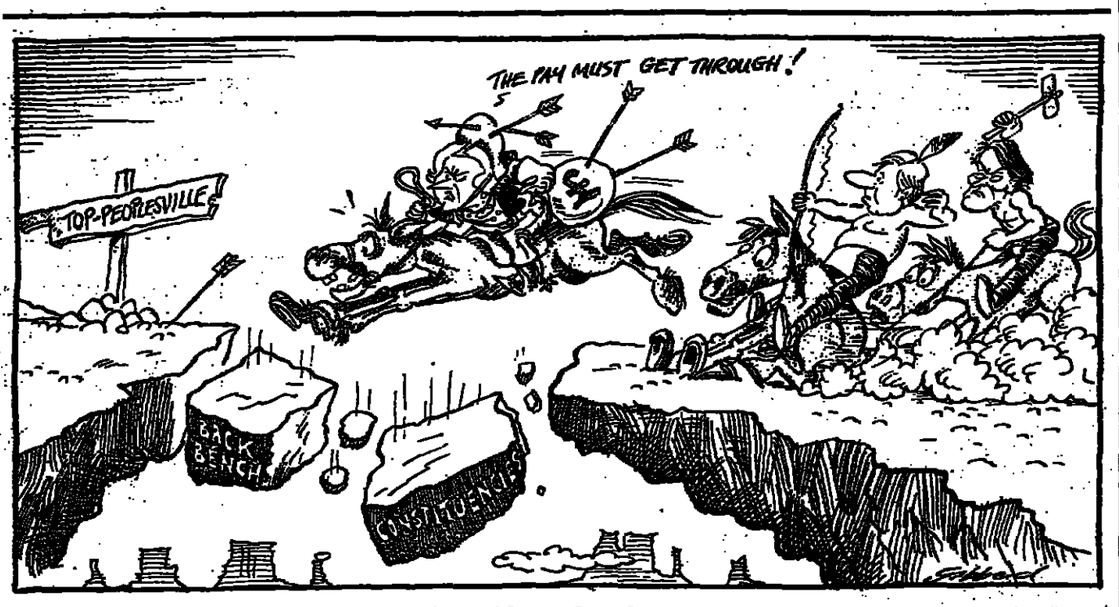
The Pime Minister, Mr David Lange, said on Monday that the police knew who planted the bombs on the Rainbow Warrior and why they did it. But he made it clear that knowledge was different from proof.

The New eZaland Herald said that the Rainbow Warrior bombers might have picked up their sabotage skills in the French Foreign Legion.

The bombing has led to the biggest police investigation in New Zealand, with 66 detectives on the case.

The Ouvea reached Whangarei on June 28 and set sail again on July 9 about 30 hours before two bombs sank the Rainbow Warrior. Now it seems to have disappeared with three crew members on board.

A French doctor who chartered the yacht left it at Norfolk Island, flew to Sydney, and then Singapore. The crew travelled nearly 1,250 miles in rented cars while they were in Whangarei.



And with one bound ...

Ministers give private support to pay rebels

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senior defence personnel, but it was not clear whether he was objecting to the increases or simply fighting his departmental corner.

According to the *minutes*, Mrs Thatcher simply went through the reasons for the increases. No-one appeared to express any views about the possible political problems.

Ministers not at the meeting accepted yesterdAy that the minutes may not have given the full flavour but they thught it extraordinary that nobody in government saw fit to leak them several weeks ago, when the report was completed, in order to test reactions.

A further indication of how the decision could continue to rebound came during a routine meeting yesterday between local authority representatives and Mr Patrick Jenkin, the Environment Secretary to discuss the new rate support grant.

The Government was roundly criticised for allowing such large increases and warned that it could spell trouble later in the year in the important local authority pay negotiations for one million low paid workers.

JMB auditors accuse Lawson of libel

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public remarks and had yet to receive a reply. The Treasury was not able to comment on the writ, which should be received today, but the Chancellor is bound to challenge any libel allegations.

The Bank of England also issued its writ against Arthur Young yesterday. Arthur *Young could face court claims* reaching £400 million: nearly £250 million claimed by the Bank of England, and £152 million that the former JMB parent, the *gold bullion dealers* Johnson Matthey said it lost in the collapse.

The fraud squad investigations of Mr Hepker, emerged yesterday in parliamentary answers. The Guardian also learned that the Inland Revenue special investigation section has been examining Mr Hepker's business activities going back to the time when he was a well-known tax adviser.

The parliamentary answers were given to Mr Derek Fatchett, the Labour MP for Leeds central. He had asked the Home Office to call for a report from the Chief Constable of West Yorkshire into allegations made by the former chief executive of Sumrie, Mr Patrick Benson, about the relationship between Sumrie Clothes and other companies in which Mr Hepker has a controlling or major financial interest.

For the Department of Trade, Mr Alex Fletcher, the *minister responsible for consumer affairs*, said: "I am considering whether any action should be taken by my department into reports of alleged *breaches of the Companies* Act."

Mr Henker yesterday frote to the Sumrie shareholders denying the allegations of fraud which had been made under the privilege of the House by the Labour MP Mr Brian Sedgemore.

Mr Benson's allegations are contained in a report which he circulated to the shareholders of Surie Clothes in June.

Mr Benson, who now runs a public house in Islington, north London, resigned as chief executive of Sumrie in January. he said yesterday that he did not agree with Mr Hepker on some matters and they had fallen out.

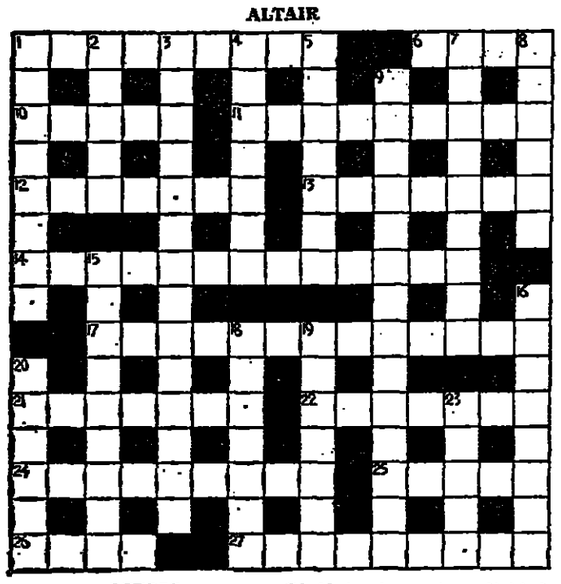
But he remained a director of Mr Hepker's Ravensbury Investments, the company which obtained the £1.5 million loan from JMB in 1981. "I did not want to resign from Ravensbury and then have a knock on the door six months later with someone saying I *owed then one and a half* million pounds," he said.

Mr Hepker confirmed to the Guardian yesterday that he had failed to reach an agreement with the Bank of England auditor for JMB on repaying the loan. he said he expected the bank would soon formally ask for the money to be paid back. "I will make every effort to see that the securities are raised.raised."

He admitted that there might be a shortfall on the agreed securities because the value of the land which he had hoped to develop with the loan in South Wales had dropped since the Tesco supermarket chain decided to withdraw. Claiming that Mr Benson had been the source of complaints against him, he said that an extraordinary meeting of Provincial Properties (Wales) Ltd., the company he bought to develop the site and of which Ravensbury Investments is a corporate director, would be held on August 12 to remove Mr Benson from his position.

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ALTAIR



ACROSS

1 Indian 26 has prohibition in abundance (9).
6 and 26 During performance one gets extremely put about by such truthfulness (8).
10 A small volume to take to a 26 in Africa (5).
11 Work as a wire cutter? Bunk! (9).
12 Strong old 26: the king wanted more! (7).
13 An extract from Rossini's "Oh, Elsinore — they run 'twist places of like sunshine." (7).
14 *Slimming substitute that* removes oxygen (8, 5).
17 Dancers turning in can foretell a bed's procreative properties (5, 2, 6).
21 *Butler sees off ancient* Egyptian (7).
22 Italian 26 from New Orleans (7).
24 Abstract number divided by ten: that's exactitude (9).
25 Dance cut by Georgia (5).
26 See 6.
27 Swerved round officer in harbour (9).

DOWN

1 Yorkshire 26 nail former president (8).
2 It's more pleasant to finish winter at a French 26 (5).
3 Chair hits gate — a desperate move from crime writer (6, 8).
4 Go on for too long regarding ladder (7).
5 Clandestine material from Beethoven's fourth incorporated into Beethoven's third (7).
7 What does one hear between K and O? A short story about the powers of nature (9).
8 Getting married with a tattered suit on? It's a retreat *from reality* (6).
9 Swirling fog hit bed — early. How early? (6, 8).
15 Lying approved by doctor in proper setting (9).
16 Sharpened pencils *initially* carried by returning exiles (8).
18 Birds outside trapped by little sister (7).
19 Nature of German 26 at church (7).
20 Question about Queen's circle that is imaginary (6).
23 Master seen in pupil's desk? (5).

Solution tomorrow

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Kinnock pledges break with S. Africa

From Martin Kettle in Dar-es-Salaam

Mr Neil Kinnock yesterday pledged a future Labour Government to a complete break with the white South African regime. Speaking in the Tanzanian capital, Dar-es-Salaam, the Labour leader called for the immediate imposition of United Nations mandatory sanctions against Pretoria.

Mr Kinnock's remarks came in an address to 1,200 student at Dar-es-Salaam University on the first full day of his visit to Tanzania. Earlier he discussed southern Africa during 90 minutes of talks with President Julius Nyerere.

Mr Kinnock departed from his original text to condemn the imposition of emergency powers by the South African Government at the weekend. he said they were a brutal and clumsy way of trying to contain feelings and forces in South Africa.

"What South Africa needs is not a state of emergency," Mr Kinnock said. "South Africa needs a state of change.

"No panic measures can *hide that reality of change*. that change is coming in South Africa. It is inevitable. Emergency powers, executions, arrests, penalties don't alter that *certainty. They just postpone* it for a little time and drench it with a lot more blood."

Sanctions against South Africa must now be imposed and enforced. They are necessary for Namibia and for the rest of southern Africa, Mr Kinnock said. "If the present British government does not have the moral conviction and the material commonsense to take the required action, the Labour government elected at the next election will take that action. We will isolate apartheid South Africa and promote effective action to hasten liberation."

Mr Kinnock said Labour would give financial and material assistance to aid education and care for the people of the liberation movement. Labour would make the embargo on arms "absolutely tight."

Mr Kinnock said that the policy of "constructive engagement" advocated by President *Reagan had not, and would* not, achieve change. It was the latest and greatest version of the old bridge-building argument, he said.

"No change, no adjustment, no dilution, no reform, and no shift has ever come in South Africa from bridge-building and contact. he only shifts that have ever been achieved have come as a result of isolation and condemnation. South Africa must be stranded if it is ever to change."

In his talks with President Nyerere, Mr Kinnock suggested that large numbers of British technical experts could help *Tanzania to overcome its* economic crisis. Tanzania is currently holding out against conditions proposed by the International Monetary Fund for rescuing the country's crippled foreign currency position. He suggested that such groups as teachers, technologists, and builders could be provided on *a systematic basis.*

"There would be large numbers of people who would rather be of service in the Third World than kicking their heels in unemployment at home," Mr Kinock told a press conference.

Tanzania's debt problems dominated the discussion with President Nyerere. After the meeting Mr Kinock said that debtors and creditors alike must come together urgently in order to discuss the practical problems of ensuring a solution. Mr Kinck was clearly shaken to learn that Tanzania was having difficulty even in paying for sacks for transport of grain.

In his speech at the university he called upon all Western countries to deal with this financial burden. The famine in Africa, he said, had demonstrated a need for preventive as well as relief aid.

AUEW rejects proposed rival body to TUC

By Patrick Wintour

The 1 million-strong engineering *union yesterday* dissociated itself from any proposed federation set up in competition with the TUC.

There had been suggestions that the engineers might combine with the electricians' union and the breakaway Nottinghamshire miners' union to form a rival TUC, if the engineers and electricians are expelled from the TUC for taking state cash for union elections.

The motion rejecting any involvement with a rival TUC was moved yesterday by a rightwing executive member, Mr Jack Whyman, and was carried by seven votes to one. The only dissenter was Mr John Baldwin, of the union's construction section.

Mr Gerry Russell, the senior executive council member, said after the meeting: "We don't agree with the philosophy or the theme of a rival TUC. We have not been in discussions with anybody about the formation of such an organisation, nor will we discussing it with anybody. We do not want to disrupt the TUC. If we are expelled from the TUC — and that is something we want to avoid — we will not be looking to form a federation."

The TUC general council is expected to set in motion a disciplinary process against the engineers for taking over £1 million of government money covering the cost of ballots held between 1980 and 1984. The decision followed a membership ballot in December, with 233,030 voting for acceptance and 19,793 against.

At the union's policy-making national *commitee in April* right- and left-wing delegates censured the executive for failing to mention on the ballot papers that acceptance of state cash would be in defiance of the TUC policy.

The national committee instructed the executive to hold a *fresh ballot on whether* to accept further state cash for ballots, with both sides of the argument included on the ballot paper. The fresh ballot is not expected before October, after the TUC Congress.

Mr Russell, one of the three front runers for the post of engineering union president in the September ballot — brought about by the retirement of Mr Terry Duffy — made it clear yesterday that unity with the TUC should be treated by the membership as more important than state cash.

Mr John Tocher, the left-backed candidate for the presidency, said: "I think it's an absolute disgrace if the executive gets involved in an unholy alliance with the electricians and the Nottinghamshire miners. If we were expelled from the TUC other unions would have a field day poaching members from us." The main candidate of the right, Mr Bill Jordan, is also believed to be uneasy about the developing split with the TUC.

The executive *decision to* take state cash was passed by only one vote and there are excluding the presidential post, three seats currently up for election with final results next March.

Rebel miners' leader joins rightist group

By Keith Harper, Labour Editor

Mr David Prendergast, one of the leaders of the new Nottinghamshire miners' union, has been appointed vice-chairman of "Mainstream," a new rightwing pressure group within trade union movement.

The organisation, which has been in existence for five months, aims to counter the influence a leftwing groups within the unions.

Mr John Spellar, Mainstream's organising secretary, who is research officer for the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunications and Plumbing Trades Union, said yesterday that the body was not officially recognised by unions but consisted of "groups within unions."

He said Mr Terry Duffy, president of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, was its chairman and Mr Bill Jordan, a leading candidate to *succeed Mr Duffy*, its other vice-chairman.

Mr Spellar added that Mainstream had established contacts within the National Union of Railwaymen, the ivil and Public Services' Association, the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, the teachers and the National Communications' Union.

Mr Prendergast said that approaches had been made to the Nottinghamshire miners by Mainstream activists to join the organisation several months ago.

"We have been given a guarantee that we will still be able to retain our membership even if we are refused admission to the TUC or the Labour Party."

Mr Prendergast said that the Nottinghamshire miners regarded Mainstream as an alternative organisation within trade unions to "break the yoke of the left."

● Leaders of 3,000 South Derbyshire miners decided yesterday to hold a pithead ballot on whether the area wishes to break away from the National *Union of Mineworkers.*

The ballot, which will take place on the same day as the one being held in Nottinghamshire, requires only a simple majority.

Tutu's threat

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Bishop Tutu yesterday was that of 14 blacks believed to have been killed by the security forces in the township of KwaThema two weeks ago.

Bishop Tutu told the *crowd of about 30,000 that* when the girl was burned to death on Saturday "it was shown throughout the world on television. The world is *full of supporters of our* struggle for freedom, but when they saw it they said: 'Maybe these people are not yet ready for freedom.'"

He added: "If you do it again I will find it difficult to speak up for liberation. If you do it again I am going to collect my family and leave the country which I love dearly." His admonition was received in silence.

1p cut in stamp price

By Michael Smith, Industrial Editor

The price of a second class postage stamp is being cut by 1p to 12p to mark the 350th anniversary of the Post Office.

But the Post Office may have soured the celebrations for some business customers by announcing plans for a 6 per cent rise in domestic parcel charges and for hefty increases of between 9 and 21 per cent in overseas letter and parcel prices.

Sir Ron Dearing, chairman of the Post Office, said the 1p cut would take effect on November 4. The new price and the 17p first-class postage rate would be held until March 31, 1986.

The reduction will cost the Post Office up to £50 million in lost revenue during a full year and has been made possible by rising productivity.

THE WEATHER

Mainly dry and sunny

A FRONTAL trough of low pressure is expected to be slow-moving over N Scotland.

London, SE and Cent S England, E Anglia, Midlands: Mainly dry, sunny periods. Becoming rather cloudy later. Wind S light. Max temp 23–25C (73–77F).

E, NW, Cent N and NE England, Lake District, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee: Dry, sunny periods. Wind S, light. Max 21–23C (70–73F).

Channel Islands: Dry and sunny becoming cloudy. Perhaps thundery showers by evening. Wind E, light. Max 22–24C (72–75F).

SW England, Wales: Dry, sunny intervals. Misty on some coasts. Wind S, light. Max 20–24C (72–75F) but cooler on coasts.

Isle of Man, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Cent Highlands, Moray Firth, N Ireland: Mainly dry, sunny intervals. Wind S, light or moderate. Max. 19–21C (66–70F).

NE and NW Scotland, Argyll, Orkney: Rather cloudy, some rain or drizzle in places. Wind SW, moderate. Max, 16–18C (61–64F).

Shetland: Mainly dry, some bright or sunny intervals. Wind light and variable. Near normal. 14–16C (57–61F).

Outlook: Rather cloudy with outbreaks of rain, thundery in S. Becoming brighter with showers later. Warm or very warm.

AROUND THE WORLD

LUNCH-TIME REPORTS

	C	F		C	F
Alassio	s 28	84	Locarno	s 26	79
Algiers	s 32	90	London	s 22	72
Amsterdam	f 18	66	*Los Angls	s 29	84
Athens	s 32	90	Luxembourg	s 22	72
Bahrain	s 35	95	Madrid	s 34	93
Barcelona	s 28	84	Majorca	s 30	86
Beirut	s 28	82	Malaga	s 34	93
Belgrade	s 25	77	Malta	s 30	86
Berlin	c 19	66	Manchester	s 21	70
*Bermuda	s 28	82	*Miami	s 31	88
Biarritz	s 23	73	*Montreal	s 25	77
Birmingham	s 22	72	Moscow	s 22	72
Bombay	s 29	84	Munich	s 24	75
Bordeaux	s 25	82	Nairobi	s 26	79
Boston	s 29	84	Newcastle	s 21	70
Bordeaux	s 28	84	New Delhi	s 36	97
Bristol	s 22	72	*New York	s 29	84
Brussels	s 19	66	Nice	s 28	82
Budapest	s 27	81	Oporto	s 31	88
*Buns Aires	s 16	61	Oslo	s 24	75
Cairo	s 36	97	Paris	s 24	75
Cape Town	s 21	70	Palma	s 30	86
Cardiff	s 20	68	Perth	c 17	63
Casablanca	s 34	93	Prague	s 23	73
*Chicago	s 29	84	Reykjavik	c 13	55
Cologne	s 23	73	Rhodes	s 31	88
Copenhagen	c 21	70	Rio de Jan	s 25	77
Corfu	s 33	91	Riyadh	s 42	108
Dublin	c 20	68	Rome	s 30	86
Dubrovnik	s 28	82	Salzburg	s 24	75
Edinburgh	s 21	70	Seoul	s 28	82
Faro	s 31	88	Singapore	s 31	88
Florence	s 31	88	Stockholm	s 21	70
Frankfurt	s 25	77	Strasbourg	s 24	75
Funchal	s 24	75	Sydney	s 22	72
Geneva	s 27	81	Tangier	s 31	88
Gibraltar	s 33	91	Tel Aviv	s 32	90
Glasgow	s 21	70	Tokyo	s 29	84
Helsinki	s 22	72	Tunis	s 32	90
Hong Kong	s 32	90	Valencia	s 32	90
Innsbruck	s 27	81	*Vancouver	s 21	70
Inverness	s 19	66	Venice	s 28	82
Istanbul	s 29	84	Vienna	s 27	81
Kuwait	s 42	108	Warsaw	s 24	75
Larnaca	s 31	88	*Washington	s 29	84
Las Palmas	s 28	82	Wellington	s 16	61
Lisbon	s 37	99	Zurich	s 26	79

C, cloudy; F, fair; R, rain; S, sunny. * Previous day's reading.

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

Belfast	10.10 pm to 4.52 am
Birmingham	9.42 pm to 4.45 am
Bristol	9.41 pm to 4.53 am
Glasgow	10.10 pm to 4.38 am
London	9.31 pm to 4.42 am
Manchester	9.49 pm to 4.42 am
Newcastle	9.54 pm to 4.32 am
Nottingham	9.43 pm to 4.40 am

MANCHESTER READINGS

From 7 pm Monday to 7 am yesterday: Max temp 12C (54F) From 7 am to 7 pm yesterday: Max temp 22C (72F) Total period: Rainfall, nil; sunshine, 10.7 hrs

HIGH-TIDE TABLE

London Bridge	7.06 am	7.31 pm
Dover	4.14 am	4.36 pm
Liverpool	4.17 am	4.48 pm

SUN RISES 5.11 am
SUN SETS 9.01 pm
MOON RISES 1.12 pm
MOON SETS 11.52 pm
MOON: First quarter

SEA PASSAGES

S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Slight.

St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Moderate.

SATELLITE PREDICTIONS

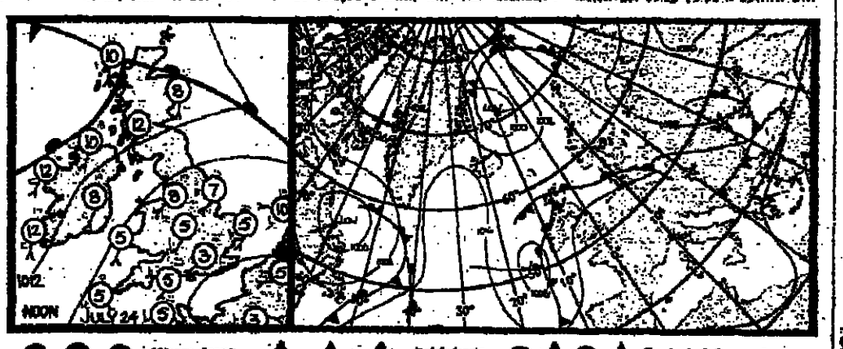
The figures give in order, time and visibility when rising, maximum elevation and direction of setting. An asterisk denotes entering or leaving eclipse.

London

Cosmos 58: 22.45–22.50 WNW 20WSW SSW.
Cosmos 358: 22.27–22.32 WSW 30NW N.
Cosmos 1427: 21.54–21.57 N 15NXE ENE: 23.29–23.33 NW 70NE ESE*.
Meteor 28: 23.26–23.31 N 30 NW WSW.

Manchester

Cosmos 58: 22.45–22.49 W 20WSW SSW.
Cosmos 358: 22.27–22.32 WSW 30NW N.
Cosmos 1427: 23.29–23.33 NW 65N SE*.
Meteor 28: 23.25–23.31 N 35WNW SW.



Warm front. Cold front. Occluded front. Isobars are drawn for every four millibars. Arrows on the smaller map show wind direction, figures in circles show wind speed. Figures outside circles show temperature. Letters show expected weather as follows: b, blue sky; bc, hail-clouded; c, cloudy; o, overcast; f, fog; d, drizzle; h, hail; m, mist; r, rain; s, snow; th, thunderstorm; p, showers. Arrows on the larger map show direction of movement of pressure areas.

● *We regret there are no Around Britain weather reports and no London Readings. This is because of a power failure at the London Weather Centre, which supplies the information.*

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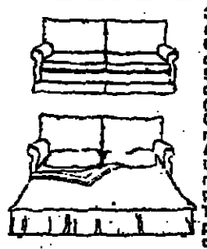
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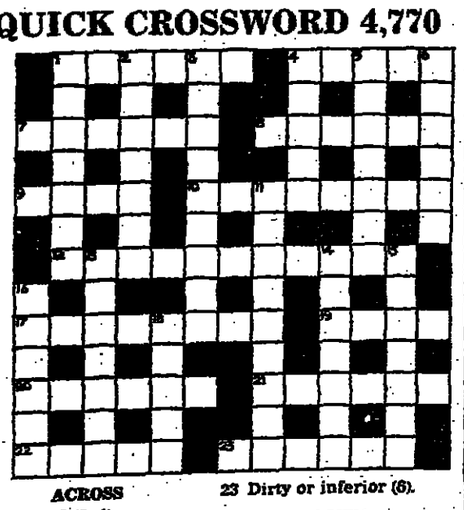
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17 Get out of bed! (4, 1, 3).
19 Yorkshire or Fenland river (4).
20 A little bird? (6).
21 Slight pain, as of conscience (6).
22 Cut up small — restrain (one's words) (5).
23 Dirty or inferior (6).

DOWN

1 Giant in the Bible (7).
2 Term of endearment (7).
3 Marvellous (9).
4 Alternating with depressive? (5).
5 Cocktail (7).
6 Cost — attack! (6).
11 Type of crocodile (9).
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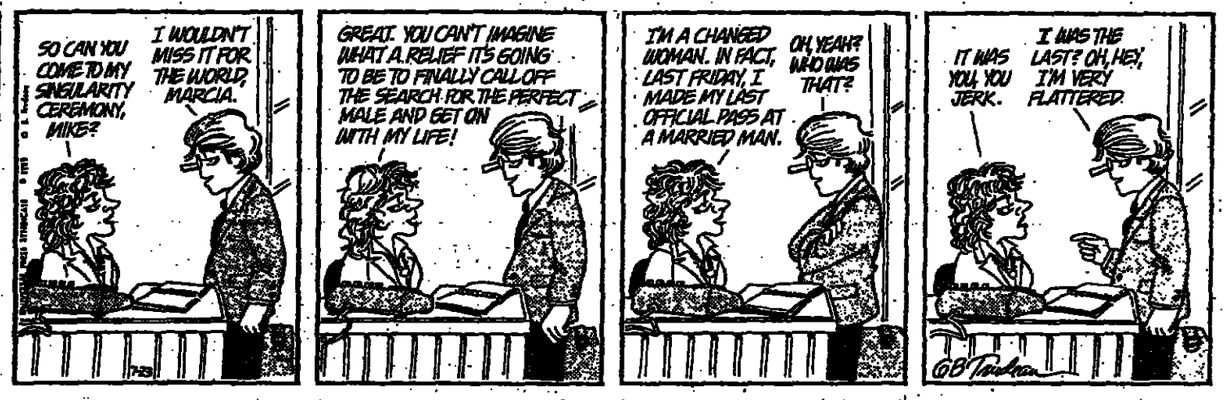
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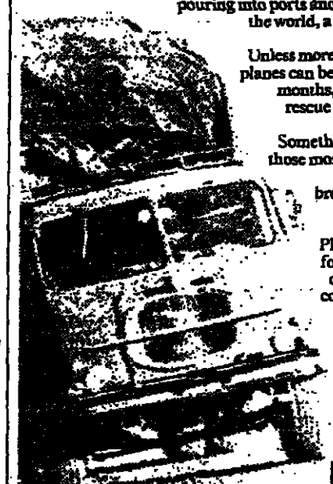
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Tory and Labour MPs on the Commons foreign affairs committee split yesterday in their assessment of the British action in sinking the Argentine cruiser, General Belgrano, during the Falklands war. The majority Tory group exonerates the war cabinet, but a minority report by the four Labour MPs says the sinking was unjustified. The Belgrano was sunk by the submarine HMS Conqueror outside the total exclusion zone on May 2, 1982, with the loss of 368 lives. Richard Norton-Taylor reports on the views of the two sets of MPs



Labour report condemns Belgrano sinking and its 'cover-up'

THE order to sink the Belgrano was "a hasty and unjustifiable decision to risk many lives and a possible disaster . . . to ensure the life of an administration which was itself palpably negligent," the Labour members on the Commons foreign affairs committee say.

In their minority report — twice as long and more detailed than the one produced by the Conservative majority — they call on the House of Commons to set up its own inquiry, conducted by MPs, with the right of access to all classified information. They point in particular to questions that remain unanswered about the extent of the knowledge at fleet headquarters at Northwood of Argentine signals to its fleet on the weekend of May 1 and 2 1982 and how efficiently this information was communicated to the war cabinet.

According to available information "the change to the rules of engagement, and thus the attack on the Belgrano, were authorised partly on the basis of incomplete or incorrect assessments. Rather than acknowledge any shortcomings or inconsistencies, Ministers chose to provide Parliament with less than accurate accounts of events. So their cover-up began," the report says.

The four Labour MPs — Mr Nigel Spearing, Mr Ian Mikardo, Mr Dennis Canavan and Mr Michael Welsh — charge the seven Tory members with obstructing their attempts to pursue what they call "proper parliamentary activities", notably by blocking their attempt to ask Mrs Thatcher and Mr Michael Heseltine, the Defence Secretary, additional questions as more information came to light.

In particular, they say on April 3 this year, the Tory majority reversed a previous decision to ask Mr Heseltine whether Northwood was aware at the time of Argentine signals, decoded by GCHQ, recalling the Argentine fleet 20 hours before the Belgrano was attacked at about 3 pm London time on May 2, 1982.

The existence of the recall signal — repeated later in the morning of May 2 — and the fact that it had been decoded by GCHQ was acknowledged by Lord Lewin in evidence to the committee, though he said that he had no knowledge of it until May 3 or May 4. The Labour group say "the claimed delay in decoding or forwarding this significant signal" is "both extraordinary and of major significance".

They add: "We do not accept that it is right for ministers to invest the process of gathering and assessing intelligence with the sort of mystique that allows them arbitrarily to conceal, misuse or distort information on which they base decisions

They point out that Lord Lewin acknowledged in evidence to the committee that the claim by ministers that the Belgrano was part of an Argentine pincer movement was "essentially speculative." They reject the claim by Sir John Nott, the then Defence Secretary, that his statement to the Commons on May 4, 1982 — when he said that the Belgrano was first sighted on May 2 and was closing on the task force, claims now known to be false — was made in good faith.



Sir John Nott — claims false

There was no justification for a hasty, ill-prepared statement, the report says. News of the sinking of the Belgrano had arrived in London over 36 hours earlier. It is also now known that three separate drafts were made of the statement before it was finally approved by the war cabinet.

The Labour group says that Nott's references in the Commons to the use of force as a last resort were incompatible with Mrs Thatcher's statement in April 1982 that her objective was to restore British administration on the Falklands "at the earliest possible moment." Information had to be suppressed to hide that incompatibility, it says.

The need to do this, according to the minority report, lay at the root of some otherwise puzzling anomalies—"the Government had committed thousands of men and a large part of the Royal Navy not just to retake the Falklands but also to protect and secure the life of the administration."

The report says that the possibility of a link between the Peruvian peace proposals and the sinking of the Belgrano is still an open question, mainly because of the Government's decision to suppress information. It says the Foreign Office refused to give the committee the full text of the telegram from Washington about discussions early on May 2, 1982, between Mr Alexander Haig, then US Secretary of State, and the then Foreign Secretary, Mr Francis Pym.

Documents which the FO has refused to release show, the Labour MPs say, "that during those discussions the Secretary of State sounded out what might be HM Government's reactions to giving a few days to one more attempt at negotiation, with a temporary ceasefire for that period, but was told that the war cabinet would not do anything that might lessen their potential for military action."

But even more important, according to the Labour group, was a new set of proposals which was being drawn up by the UN secretary-general, Mr Perez de Cuellar. These proposals were presented to Mr Pym in writing the day the Belgrano was sunk.

Military escalation, it says, as distinct from minimum force, was chosen by the Government as the prime means of achieving its purpose long beore it was necessary or could be justified.

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Spend more on science, MPs urge

By Anthony Tucker, Science Correspondent

LOW funding for civil science is leading to "serious damage to the fabric of the national research base," Sir William van Straubenzee, chairman of the Commons select committee on education, science and the arts, said yesterday.

Presenting the committee's report on science spending, Sir William said that there is a real and urgent need for the Government to increase its support to prevent any further losses in the quantity and quality of research in science and technology says the report.

Recent restructuring of the research councils, enforced by financial stringency, has resulted in early retirement or job loss for almost 2,000 scientists, who embody a costly and valuable sector of the nation's expertise.

The costs of redundancy and early pensions have been very high for the Agricultural and Food Research council and for the Natural Environment Research Council, which have had to divert finances intended for research to meeting "restructuring" costs.

The select committee says that this kind of expense should not be met from the science budget but should be a separate item on the Department of Education and Science vote.

The research councils became critically dependent on departmental research contracts under the Rothschild reorganisation of Government science in 1972.

The recent general reductions of departmental expenditure in health, environment, agriculture and industry have all emphasised the limitation on research council funding through the DES.

The select committee says that where a cut in departmental contracts results in job losses or restructuring — as has been the case in the withdrawal of Agriculture Ministry support for the Soil Survey of Britain — the contracting department should meet the costs, rather than taking them from money allocated for research, says the committee.

To meet merely the costs of sophistication in scientific research it is essential that annual increases in the science budget must be above the general movement of prices, says the report.

During the present period of financial difficulty, the science budget should increase in real terms by at least 2 per cent a year.

The committee recommends that the cost of international subscriptions to organisations of which Britain is a partner under treaty — such as the European Centre for Nuclear Research or the European Molecular Biology Organisation — should be largely borne by the Foreign and Commonwealth vote.

The committee also recommends that radical changes should be considered for national policy development, co-ordination and control in science and technology, and that a separate department may well be merited.

In any case there should be a minister at Cabinet level charged with policy responsibility and the existing separate advisory bodies for science and for technology — the Advisory Board for the Research Councils and the Advisory Council for Applied Research and Development — might usefully be merged into a new and more powerful body, the report says.

Sir William said yesterday that the committee was convinced of the urgency of the situation by several factors.

He listed the sharply rising costs of equipment essential for first class scientific training; the research council's inability to support a large proportion of important research proposals; the inability of universities and research councils to provide continuing support for the "new blood" appointments made possible by once-off government grants; and evidence of a recent "brain drain."

The Future of the Science Budget, Stationery Office, £3.90.

Cabinet 'right to protect fleet'

THE WAR cabinet's decision to authorise the sinking of the Belgrano on the evening of May 2, 1982 was militarily justified particularly in light of intelligence assessments available to ministers at the time, says the majority report by the seven Conservatives on the Commons foreign affairs committee.

Even if the Belgrano's course — steadily westwards away from the task force for 11 hours before it was hit — had been notified to ministers during that afternoon, the assessment made then about Argentina's tactical plans, would not have justified a change in the order to attack, the report says.

"The principal question which needs to be resolved is not whether, given all the additional information now available, the Argentine cruiser did in fact pose a threat sufficiently immediate to justify its sinking, but whether the decision to change the rules of engagement to permit an attack on the cruiser was justified in the light of information available at the time (the report's italics to the chiefs of staff and the war cabinet and of the assessments of Argentine intentions based on that information."



Sir Anthony Kershaw — painful process

The report does not discuss "the additional information now available" but adds: "The paramount obligation of the war cabinet was to protect the task force which had arrived in the Falkands area, and action to pre-empt attacks on the task force was therefore justified if such attacks were thought to be imminent."

The report criticises ministers for failing to provide information in an attempt to discourage further questioning about the circumstances of the sinking. "The House remained for too long in ignorance of information which members were perfectly entitled to request and some of which ceased to be of operational significance soon after the end of hostilities."

It would have been preferable, when it had become clear that MPs were concerned about the events of May 1 and 2, 1982, if ministers "had volunteered a comprehensive statement on those events, including much of the material which has been extracted from them so painfully over the last three years."

The Tory group, led by the committee chairman, Sir Anthony Kershaw, MP for Stroud, questioned whether ministers—notably the Defence Secretary, Mr Michael Heseltine—would have been more forthcoming if the Labour MP, Mr Tam Dalyell, had not passed to the committee two documents sent to him by the former Ministry of Defence civil servant, Clive Ponting.

A year ago to the day, the committee agreed to hand over the documents to Mr Heseltine—a move which led to Mr Ponting's arrest—in return for extracting a promise from Mr Heseltine that he would give evidence to it.

The Tory group concedes that the purpose of the Government's decision to announce, first a maritime exclusion zone, and then a total exclusion zone around the Falklands, was unclear and ultimately misleading, particularly in view of the "general" warning to Argentina issued on April 23, 1982. But its criticisms end there:

The report says that though there is no doubt that the Peruvian Government and the Argentine junta believed that the US Secretary of State was in close contact with Mr Pym, the then Foreign Secretary, in Washington about the details of a new peace plan on the morning of May 2, 1982, "nothing from British sources suggests that this was in fact the case." The peace plan, in any case, was not in a form acceptable to the British Government.

Third report from the Commons Foreign Affairs Committee, Events Surrounding the Weekend of 1-2 May 1982, Stationery Office, £12.

Detective awarded £10,000 for libel

A senior Metropolitan Police detective, Superintendent William Peters, was yesterday awarded £10,000 damages by a jury in a libel action against the Observer and two journalists, David Leigh and Paul Lashman.

Mr Peters, aged 42, of Cheshunt, Hertfordshire, claimed that an article in July 1982 meant that he had, or probably had, corruptly allowed a criminal bail and that he had later tipped him off and allowed him to abscond.

The paper and journalists denied that the article headed Secrets of the Bullion Job, about the £3 million London silver ingot armed robbery in 1980, was defamatory. They were ordered to pay the costs.



William Peters — pleased to clear his name

Mr Justice Pain granted the defendants a stay on the award, pending a possible appeal.

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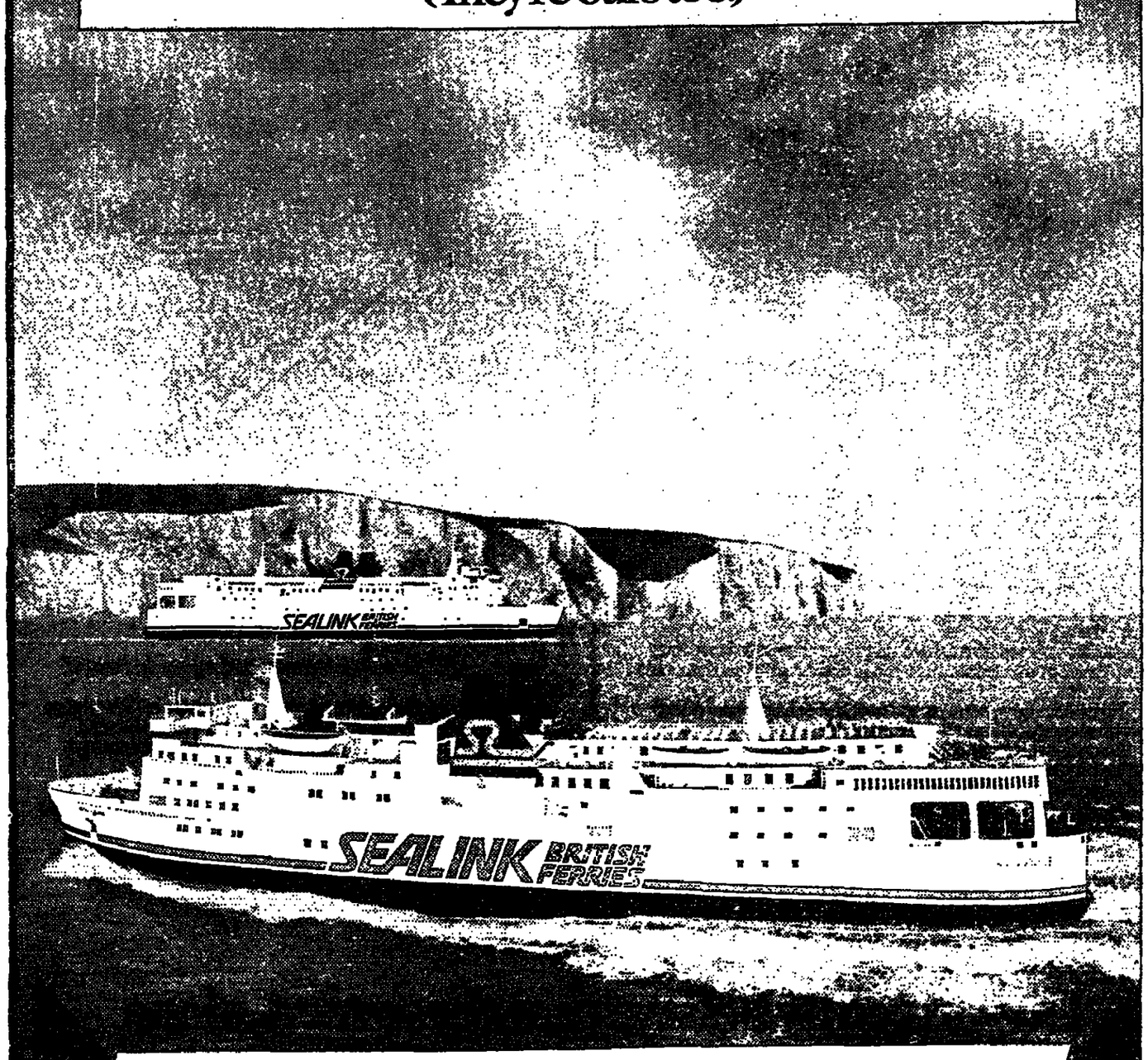
The article quoted criminals who claimed that "Micky", one of the men involved in stealing the bullion, paid a bribe to get bail. It added that the officer who handled the bail application was Mr Peters, who denied receiving any money.

The article said that the Observer had no evidence that the allegation was true.

The Observer article also said "Micky" was tipped off that he had been informed on, and absconded.

Summing up the judge asked jurors to imagine reading the "serious, meaty" Observer and look at the words in the context of the article as a whole: "You are entitled to read between the lines."

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